

WELLAND GOULDSMITH SCHOOL

CLASS : V ENGLISH LANGUAGE

COMPREHENSION

AN ELEPHANT'S MEMORY

DURATION : 40 MINUTES

Read the passage and answer the following questions.

The truth is that elephants do have good memories, probably better than most animals. In some cases, for instance, where an elephant has had some injury inflicted upon by man and years later it attacked the man who had done it harm.

But elephants certainly do forget. Just think of what it takes to take and train a wild elephant. The trainer has to be quite tough, often striking it and forcing it to do things against its will. If an elephant never forgot, it would never allow itself to be tamed because it would always be attacking its trainer.

You have probably heard the expression: "He has a white elephant on his hands" People say this to mean that someone has an object, usually quite expensive, that he cannot sell or get rid of.

1. Give the antonyms ..

a. truth b. man c. forget d. expensive e. sell

2. Give the synonyms ..

a. memories b. trainer c. attack d. tame e. expression.

3. Make sentences with the words given below ..

a. animals b. train. c. tough d. elephant e. object

4 . Answer the following questions.

a. How do you know that elephants have a good memory?

b. Give an example from the passage showing that elephants do forget.