

The Use of Conceptual Components in Solving Problems Effectively

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Conceptual abilities are indispensable capabilities that assist leaders in solving problems effectively and making sound judgments prior to executing organizational concepts and plans. This paper aims to identify various conceptual components and discuss how each component enables a leader to solve problems effectively. As a leader, I utilize five conceptual components to solve problems effectively. According to the Department of the Army (2012), conceptual components include mental agility, sound judgment, innovation, interpersonal tact, and expertise.

### **A. Mental Agility**

- According to the Department of the Army (2012), mental agility describes the flexibility of a person's mind, and the ability to anticipate the outcomes of uncertain situations.
- As a leader, I utilize mental agility to adapt to uncertain or changing situations.
- Secondly, I utilize mental agility to develop and think about second and third possible actions if the current actions do not seem to yield the desired results.
- Thirdly, mental agility enables me to become an inquisitive leader, and to adopt critical thinking techniques when solving a problem.
- Besides becoming an inquisitive leader, I utilize mental agility to become an open-minded leader who assesses a wide range of concepts and topics to look for several possibilities before reaching an optimal solution.
- As a leader, I utilize mental agility to develop the critical thinking skills that enable me to adopt innovative thinking while capitalizing on finding facts and justifiable conclusions.

- Lastly, I utilize mental agility to divide a big problem into manageable tasks that help me to examine and approach a certain problem from different points of view.

### **B. Sound Judgment**

- According to the Department of the Army (2012), sound judgment describes the ability to evaluate situations critically to make rational conclusions.
- As a leader, I utilize sound judgment to make rational conclusions that enable me to provide my organization with sound opinions, estimates, and sensible projections of future organizational projects.
- In particular, sound judgment enables me to juggle facts and examine facts, then apply my intuitive feelings to reach sensible and high-quality decision.
- Additionally, I utilize sound judgment to determine the possible and appropriate course of action when faced by a particular problem, and also to prioritize those actions in their order of preference.

### **C. Innovation**

- According to the Department of the Army (2012), innovation is a conceptual component that assists leaders to introduce new concepts and ideas during the problem-solving process.
- As a leader, I utilize innovation to introduce new ideas and concepts of solving problems in the organization.
- Essentially, innovation assists me to adopt creating thinking, which enables me to provide original concepts and sensible ideas.
- Furthermore, I utilize innovation to think about new ideas for adapting to new environments and situations.

- However, I also rely on the experiences, intuition and knowledge of the subordinates to develop new ideas.

#### **D. Interpersonal Tact**

- ADP 6-22 ARMY LEADERSHIP (2012) states that leaders should understand the perceptions of other people toward them.
- For that reason, I utilize the interpersonal tact to interact with subordinates effectively.
- Indeed, interpersonal tact assists me in accepting the reactions, character, and motives of the subordinates.
- Additionally, I utilize interpersonal tact to acquire skills such as balancing emotions, recognizing diversity, self-control and gaining stability for facing any situation.

#### **E. Expertise**

- According to the Department of the Army (2012), expertise describes the special knowledge and skills obtained from education, experience and training.
- As a leader, I utilize expertise in four different domains including technical knowledge, cultural and geopolitical knowledge, joint knowledge and tactical knowledge.
- I utilize tactical knowledge in completing and accomplishing designated objectives.
- I utilize technical knowledge in solving problems by using equipment and systems.
- I use joint knowledge to understand joint organizations.

- Finally, I use cultural and geopolitical knowledge to understand and gain awareness of geographical variations, cultural differences, and political sensitivities, which is a milestone in approaching any problem in a large organization with different types of people.



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