

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Beehive Chapter-1 The Fun They Had
Test Paper-01

Answer the questions 1 & 2 after reading the passages:

1. Margie even wrote about it that night in her diary.
 - a. What did Margie write in her diary?
 - b. What date did she put on the top of the diary page?
 - c. What had she been thinking about when she started writing her diary?
 - d. What did she write about Tommy?
2. He was a round little man with a red face and a whole box of tools with dials and wires. He smiled at Margie and gave her an apple, then took the teacher apart. Margie had hoped he wouldn't know how to put it together again, but he knew how all right, and, after an hour or so, there it was again, large and black and ugly, with a big screen on which all the lessons were shown and the questions were asked.
 - a. Who was the round little man?
 - b. Why had he come there? Who had called him?
 - c. Why did Margie hope that he wouldn't be able to put it together?
 - d. Who/what was large and black and ugly?

Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

3. What had Tommy found in the Attic?
4. What did Tommy's grandfather once told him?
5. What did Margie's mother say about the teacher?
6. What did the County Inspector tell Margie's mother about her score in Geography?
7. Why did Margie say "I wouldn't want a strange man in my house to teach me."?
8. What do you understand by word 'nonchalantly'?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. Do you think the kind of school described in the story 'The fun they had' is an ideal school?
10. What did Margie's mother say about the school and why?

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Answer

1.
 - a. Margie wrote about the book, Tommy had brought, in her diary.
 - b. She put May 17, 2157 on the top of the diary page.
 - c. She was thinking about the book and the kind of school the children used to have centuries and centuries ago.
 - d. She wrote that that day Tommy had found a book which had fixed alphabets that did not change.
2.
 - a. The round man was the county inspector.
 - b. He had come there to check Margie's mechanical teacher. Margie's mother had called him to check the mechanical teacher.
 - c. Margie hoped that he wouldn't be able to put it together as earlier in case of Tommy's teacher, it was to be taken to workshop and took almost a month.
 - d. Margie's mechanical teacher was large and black and ugly.
3. Tommy had found a real book in the Attic. It had alphabets that were fixed and did not change even when revisited.
4. Tommy's grandfather had once told him that when he was a little boy his grandfather told him that there was a time when all stories were printed on paper.
5. Margie's mother said that a teacher has to be adjusted to fit the mind of each boy and girl it teaches and that each kid has to be taught differently."
6. The County Inspector told Margie's mother that her score in Geography was low as the geography section of the teacher was little fast to suit a child of her age and slowed it up to an average ten-year level. and overall pattern of her progress was quite satisfactory.
7. When Tommy told her that a man teacher used to teach the children at school in the time when the books were printed, Margie said that wouldn't want a strange man in her house to teach her.
8. The word 'nonchalantly' means to say something in a casual, calm and relaxed manner.
9. The kind of school described in the story 'The fun they had' is an ideal school. At present as we are in an era where everything is done according to the set academic rules and

patterns. Though emotional and humane touch makes children feel cared and looked after but having children of different caliber and IQ learn together makes some of them neglected. The challenge of competition has become so much that parental and peer pressure can make a child feel disheartened and lead to depression. However, whatever be the case whether there are mechanical or human teacher, a change is always considered better.

10. Margie's mother said that a school must start at the same time every day except Saturdays and Sundays because little girls learn better if they learned at regular hours. She also said that a teacher must be adjusted to fit the mind of each boy and girl it teaches and that each kid must be taught differently. She believed in having school next to the bedroom without other kids sitting together and disturbing each other. She wanted Margie to learn all the subjects like history, geography and arithmetic. When she scored badly in Geography, her mother sent for county inspector to check and confirm the status of her child's education.