

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Beehive Chapter-1 The Fun They Had
Test Paper-04

Answer the questions 1 & 2 after reading the passages:

1. "A man isn't smart enough." "Sure he is. My father knows as much as my teacher." "He can't. A man can't know as much as a teacher." "He knows almost as much, I betcha."
 - a. Who said, "A man isn't smart enough."?
 - b. Who said, "He knows almost as much, I betcha."?
 - c. About whom did the speaker say, "He knows almost as much"?
 - d. Why can't a man know as much as a teacher?
2. "School? What's there to write about school? I hate school."
 - a. Who used to hate school?
 - b. Why did the speaker say, "What's there to write about school?"
 - c. Why did the speaker hate the school?
 - d. To whom was the speaker talking to?

Answer the following questions in about 30 words:

3. What was the subject in which Margie was miserable?
4. Why was the mother worried about and what action did she take?
5. Who was the round little man with red face?
6. Why was the round little man with red face called?
7. What did Margie hope and why when the little man dismantled the teacher?
8. What did Tommy say to Margie about his grandfather?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. In which backdrop the fiction 'The Fun They Had' has been written.
10. Do you think that mother was right when she said 'that each kid has to be taught differently.'?

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Answer

1.
 - a. Margie said, "A man isn't smart enough."
 - b. Tommy said, "He knows almost as much, I betcha."
 - c. The speaker said "He knows almost as much" about his father.
 - d. A man cannot know as much as a teacher because men have a fixed mind with split emotions whereas a mechanical teacher is fitted with the best of knowledge about the subject.
2.
 - a. Margie used to hate school.
 - b. The speaker said, "What's there to write about school" because she knew only about schools with mechanical teachers.
 - c. The speaker hated the school because she did not like the way homework was to be submitted in punch codes. She also hated it because her performance in Geography did not improve despite frequent revisions.
 - d. The speaker was talking to Tommy.
3. Margie was miserable in Geography.
4. The mother was worried about non-improvement of Margie in Geography. She called county inspector to check the mechanical teacher for deterioration in Margie's geography score.
5. The round little man with red face was the county inspector.
6. The round little man with red face was called to repair the mechanical teacher.
7. Margie hoped that the inspector would not be able to reassemble the mechanical teacher because she hated it.
8. Tommy told Margie about his grandfather. His grandfather had once told him that his great great grandfather there was a time when all stories were printed on paper.
9. The fiction 'The Fun They Had' has been written keeping in mind the advancement being done in digital industry. Large, ugly and space consuming computers have given way to small, portable tablets, laptops and even mobile phones. The time when this fiction was written, only first stage computers were being constructed and there were no robots or

robotic teachers. However, the writer had thought of the advancement that would happen in 200 years from his time and brought about this fiction. The speed at which the industry is progressing and man's dependence on computer increasing, it is possible to have schools as described in the fiction.

10. Yes, the mother was right when she said "that each kid has to be taught differently" because every child has a different brain and understanding of the subject. There are below standard, average, and intelligent students. Their capabilities and intentions also make their efforts slow. We, in India, have all type of students in every class who have different understanding for different subjects. Some excel in Mathematics, some in Science, some in computers and some in other areas. Therefore, each kid has to be taught differently unlike today's environment.