

CBSE Class 9 English Language and Literature
Beehive Chapter-1 The Fun They Had
Test Paper-02

Answer the questions 1 & 2 after reading the passages:

1. "But my mother says 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."
 - a. Who is the writer of the fiction?
 - b. Why did the mother say that the teacher has to be adjusted?
 - c. What kind of teacher was there in Margie's school?
 - d. Why did the mother say 'each kid has to be taught differently'?
2. Margie was thinking about how the kids must have loved it in the old days. She was thinking about the fun they had.
 - a. What was Margie thinking about?
 - b. What fun was she thinking about?
 - c. Why did she think 'the kids must have loved it'?
 - d. Which old days was Margie thinking about?

Answer the following questions in two to three sentences:

3. What were the subjects the mechanical teacher was teaching Margie?
4. How old were Margie and Tommy?
5. Where was Margie's School?
6. What kind of book did Tommy bring to Margie?
7. Why did Tommy scream and laugh?
8. What did Tommy tell Margie about the school described in the book?

Answer the following questions in about 100 words:

9. What kind of book did Tommy find? Where did he find it? What was strange about the book?
10. Do you think the school described in year 2157 is ideal school?

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Answer

1.
 - a. The writer of the fiction is Isaac Asimov.
 - b. The mother said that the teacher had to be adjusted to fit the mind of each boy and girl it teaches and that each kid has to be taught differently.
 - c. The teacher in Margie's school was a mechanical teacher which was large and black and ugly.
 - d. The mother said that each kid has to be taught differently because each kid has different needs and should be taught according to his/her caliber and IQ.
2.
 - a. Margie was thinking about the school that existed centuries and centuries ago about which she was reading in the printed book brought by Tommy.
 - b. She thinking about the fun the children had when they studied together in a school building with printed books and human teacher.
 - c. She thought that the kids must have loved it because they were studying together in a school being taught by a human teacher where they could discuss their problems and get solutions.
 - d. Margie was thinking about the days when there were schools in a separate building, where children studied together.
3. A mechanical teacher was teaching margie History, Geography and arithmetic.
4. Margie was eleven and Tommy was thirteen years old.
5. Margie's School was next to her bedroom.
6. Tommy brought a printed book to Margie. It had words that were still and did not change even when pages were flipped back and forth.
7. Tommy screamed and laughed when Margie said "I wouldn't want a strange man in my house to teach me."
8. Tommy told Margie that the school described in the book was in a separate building where children came from different places and studied together from a teacher who was a man.
9. Tommy found a real printed book. He found it in the Attic of his house. The book was

strange to them because it was different from their telebook and had words that did not move and remained where they were. Its pages were yellow and crinkly, and it was awfully funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to--on a screen. And then, when they turned back to the page before, it had the same words on it that it had had when they read it the first time.

10. No. I don't think the school described in year 2157 is an ideal school. The schools today have more fun as the students leave their homes and assemble at one place and learn together. It is boring and draining to do homework, punch it and put it in a specified slot without any help from any colleague or teacher. To interact with a teacher, live and get his/her views on the performance is something beyond expression. With a mechanical teacher and without any colleagues, getting views on homework or in case of any difficulty in learning is impossible. Such schools are healthier and give a kind of satisfaction in interaction than the monotonous mechanical teachers and boring bedroom side schools.