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Instructions

1. the fun they had

- Q1.** How long (approx.) did the inspector take to fix the mechanical teacher? **1 Mark**
A 2 hours B 1 hour C 3 hours D 4 hours
- Q2.** According to Margie, in an older time, the schools were **1 Mark**
A Big B Brown C Funny D Stupid
- Q3.** What subjects did Margie and Tommy learn?
A Mathematics B Science C Geography D All
- Q4.** Tommy got old book forms –
A His own house B Library C Margie's house D Friend's house
- Q5.** The writer of the story "The fun they had"
A Isaac Asimov B Arthur Rimbaud C Shakespeare D Gieve Patel
- Q6.** Who is the main character of the story?
A parents B children C Margie D Tommy
- Q7.** How much time was taken to repair Tommy's teacher?
A 5 days B 25 days C 20 days D one month
- Q8.** What is a telebook?
A an e-book B an electronic book
C book stored in a computer D all
- Q9.** Margie was writing the diary on –
A 17th June 2157 B 17th May 2158 C 16th May 2057 D 17th May 2157
- Q10.** What did Tommy find?
A an old book with yellow crinky pages B a yellow pages book
C a brand new book D a diary
- Q11.** What did the teacher in the real book do? **1 Mark**
A Teaches through compute B Gives lessons online
C Taught and gave questions in person D Mailed them the lesson
- Q12.** Who are Margie and Tommy? **1 Mark**
A cousins B brother sister C friends D neighbors
- Q13.** The section of which subject was completely deleted from Tommy's computer? **1 Mark**
A English B History C Social Studies D Geography
- Q14.** The kids in the old schooling pattern went home together **1 Mark**
A In between classes B During afternoon breaks C During festivals D At the end of the day
- Q15.** Where was Margie's school? **1 Mark**
A in a village B in a city outskirts

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- C in her own house
D in a room in her house where a computer was set up
- Q16.** “.....If you don’t like it, you don’t have to read the book”- Who said this? **1 Mark**
A Tommy B Margie C County Inspector D Mrs. Jones
- Q17.** What was the difference between old schools and modern schools **1 Mark**
A old schools had many friends and modern school had no fellows B old schools had human teachers and modern schools had robots
C old schools had playgrounds and modern school had only computers D All
- Q18.** Why did Margie hate school? **1 Mark**
A because of machine work B no fun was there C no new things D All
- Q19.** Where did Tommy find the book?
A in a public library B in a library C in his house D on the roadside
- Q20.** Margie was scornful-
A About her geography scores B Knowing that the real book detailed about school
C About Tommy’s scores D About festivals
- Q21.** Who was the regular teacher who taught the lessons?
A human teacher B computer teacher
C who teaches D mechanical robot teacher who teaches Margie and Tommy
- Q22.** How old is Tommy?
A 10 years old B 13 years old C 15 years old D 12 years old
- Q23.** Why did Margie’s mother call the County Inspector?
A to repair a leakage B to talk to Margie
C to talk to Tommy D to check the fault in Margie’s teacher in the Geography section
- Q24.** Who went to school?
A Margie B Tommy
C Teachers D Margie and Tommy’s ancestors
- Q25.** “Why would anyone write about school” -Who said this?
A Tommy B Margie C Mrs. Jones D Blair
- Q26.** How old is Margie?
A 10 years old B 11 years old C 12 years old D 13 years old
- Q27.** Margie had to write out her homework **1 Mark**
A In Russian B In Punch code C In English D None of the above
- Q28.** Answer these questions in a few words or a couple of sentences each. **1 Mark**
Had Margie ever seen a book before?
- Q29.** Answer these questions in a short paragraph (about 30 words). **1 Mark**
What had once happened to Tommy’s teacher?
- Q30.** Tommy considered printed books as real waste. Why? **1 Mark**
- Q31.** Answer these questions in a few words or a couple of sentences each. **1 Mark**

What subjects did Margie and Tommy learn?

- Q32.** Answer these questions in a few words or a couple of sentences each.
How old are Margie and Tommy? **1 Mark**
- Q33.** Answer these questions in a short paragraph (about 30 words).
How does Tommy describe the old kind of school? **1 Mark**
- Q34.** Why did the children find the book awfully funny? **1 Mark**
- Q35.** Describe the physical appearance of the County Inspector. **1 Mark**
- Q36.** Where did Tommy find his grandfather's book? **1 Mark**
- Q37.** Answer these questions in a few words or a couple of sentences each.
What did Margie write in her diary? **1 Mark**
- Q38.** Answer these questions in a few words or a couple of sentences each.
Where was Margie's school? Did she have any classmates?
- Q39.** What was the attitude of the County Inspector towards Margie?
- Q40.** Answer these questions in a few words or a couple of sentences each.
What do you think a telebook is?
- Q41.** What hope did Margie have when her mechanical teacher was taken apart? Did it come true?
- Q42.** Describe the teachers that Margie and Tommy had.
- Q43.** Answer these questions in a short paragraph (about 30 words).
What kind of teachers did Margie and Tommy have?
- Q44.** Why did Tommy look at her with very superior eyes?
- Q45.** Describe the characteristics of old school. How did it influence Margie?
- Q46.** What did Tommy tell Margie about the old school? Write in brief.
- Q47.** How were Margie and Tommy assessed in their subjects?
- Q48.** How was the book that Tommy found different from his own books?
- Q49.** What did Margie's grandfather tell about the book?
- Q50.** What did Margie not want to dispute? **2 Marks**
- Q51.** Why did Margie hate her mechanical teacher? **2 Marks**
- Q52.** Answer these questions in a short paragraph (about 30 words).
How does he describe the old kind of teachers? **2 Marks**
- Q53.** Describe the book that Tommy had found. **2 Marks**
- Q54.** Why did Margie get disappointed after the geography sector of her teacher was set right? **2 Marks**
- Q55.** What was the reason behind the disappointment of Margie? **2 Marks**

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Q56.	What fun was there in the old schools?	2 Marks
Q57.	Answer these questions in a short paragraph (about 30 words). Why was Margie doing badly in geography? What did the County Inspector do to help her?	2 Marks
Q58.	Why did Margie fail to do better?	2 Marks
Q59.	Why did Margie always hate school?	2 Marks
Q60.	Answer these questions in a few words or a couple of sentences each. What things about the book did she find strange?	2 Marks
Q61.	Describe Margie's school room.	2 Marks
Q62.	Why was the performance of Margie deteriorating day by day?	2 Marks
Q63.	Why did Margie not show good results in geography? What was the real cause of her result?	
Q64.	Can you imagine a time when all books will be on computers? Will printed books become irrelevant?	
Q65.	Answer these questions in a short paragraph (about 30 words). Did Margie have regular days and hours for school? If so, why?	
Q66.	Give two differences between a computer book and a paper book, that Tommy points out.	
Q67.	Why did Tommy call the book 'a waste'?	
Q68.	For what has the phrase 'special building' been used?	
Q69.	What kind of teachers did Margie and Tommy have? Did they like them?	
Q70.	What did the County Inspector say to Margie's mother?	
Q71.	Did the old school provide more fun and excitement than the dull mechanical teacher' and 'virtual' school? What did Margie think about them?	
Q72.	What did the County Inspector do to improve Margie's performance in geography?	
Q73.	Where did Tommy find the book? What was the subject of the book?	
Q74.	Why was the County Inspector sent for? What did the County Inspector do at first?	
Q75.	What kind of school room did Margie have? Describe.	
Q76.	On which day did Margie find the book? How was she sure of the date?	2 Marks
Q77.	What do the yellow and crinkly pages show?	2 Marks
Q78.	Why was Margie's mother particular about the regular study hours of kids?	2 Marks
Q79.	'The Fun They Had' is a futuristic story. Comment.	2 Marks
Q80.	What had the County Inspector found out?	2 Marks
Q81.	What fun did Margie think about?	2 Marks
Q82.	Answer these questions in a short paragraph (about 30 words).	2 Marks

	What did he do?	
Q83.	Describe the main issues discussed in the lesson 'The Fun They Had'.	2 Marks
Q84.	What did the grandfather of Margie say?	2 Marks
Q85.	Why was Margie not doing well in geography? What did her mother do to help her?	2 Marks
Q86.	Why did Margie and Tommy find the book "awfully funny" to read?	2 Marks
Q87.	What did the children learn about teachers from the book?	2 Marks
Q88.	Today Tommy found a real book! From where was the book found and why did it seem peculiar to him and Margie?	2 Marks
Q89.	'What a waste'. Why did Tommy say so about the books printed on papers?	
Q90.	What kind of a teacher did the old schools have? How did they perform their task?	
Q91.	Is the story "The Fun They Had" merely an imaginary piece of fiction? Do you doubt its authenticity? Give a reasoned answer.	
Q92.	What did Margie do with a sigh? Why was she disappointed?	
Q93.	Why did Margie hope that the inspector would not know how to put her school all right so soon? Why was she disappointed?	
Q94.	Answer the following with reference to the story. "Sure they had a teacher, but it wasn't a regular teacher. It was a man." 1. Who does 'they' refer to? 2. What does 'regular' mean here? 3. What is it contrasted with?	
Q95.	Do you agree that schools of today are better than the schools in the chapter 'The Fun They Had'. Give proper reasons in favour of your answer.	
Q96.	How did Margie and Tommy express their feelings about the real book?	
Q97.	Why did Margie think that the old books' were totally useless and waste?	
Q98.	Answer the following with reference to the story. "I wouldn't throw it away." 1. Who says these words? 2. What does 'it' refer to? 3. What is it being compared with by the speaker?	
Q99.	What did Margie's mother think about 'the teacher' and 'the school'?	3 Marks
Q100.	Evaluate 'The Fun They Had' as a futuristic story.	3 Marks
Q101.	How will the e-books be different from the old books that existed centuries ago?	3 Marks
Q102.	Will future schools be completely devoid of humans and human values? Give a reasoned answer.	3 Marks
Q103.	How were the schools, books and teachers different centuries ago than those of Margie's times?	3 Marks
Q104.	Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :	4 Marks

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.'

1. _____ is the speaker of the above lines.
2. Here, the speaker talks about _____ teacher.
3. Their teacher has to teach each child separately depending on their level. [True/ False].
4. The word _____ in the above lines means same as "calibrated!".

Q105. The Inspector had smiled after he was finished and patted the Margie's head. He said to her mother, "It's not the little girl's fault, Mrs. Jones. I think the geography sector was geared a little too quickly." **4 Marks**

Questions:

1. Why did the Inspector pat Margie's head?
2. Who was Mrs. Jones?
3. What did the Inspector say to Mrs. Jones?
4. Why did Margie not do good in geography?

Q106. "Because it's not our kind of school, stupid. This is the old kind of school that they had hundreds and hundreds of years ago." He added loftily, pronouncing the word carefully, "Centuries ago." Margie was hurt. "Well, I don't know what kind of school they had all that time ago." **4 Marks**

Questions:

1. Who spoke the above sentence and to whom?
2. What kind of school is he talking about?
3. Which words did he pronounce carefully?
4. Do you think Margie did not like old school?

Q107. Read the following extract carefully and choose the correct option.

MARGIE even wrote about it that night in her diary. On the page headed 17th May, 2157, she wrote, "Today Tommy found a real book!"

It was a very old book. Margie's grandfather once said that when he was a little boy his grandfather told him that there was a time when all stories were printed on paper.

They turned the pages, which 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, you know. 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.

1. What strange thing did Margie find one day?
 1. A new computer.
 2. A newspaper.
 3. A book with fixed words.
 4. A new game.
2. How is the old book different from E-book?
 1. Cannot be read on computer.
 2. Has non-moving/fixed words.
 3. It plays music.
 4. Has pictures in it.
3. Which word in the passage means the same as humorous?
 1. Real.
 2. Funny.
 3. Awful.
 4. Wrinkled.
4. How long ago were the old schools around?
 1. Centuries ago.
 2. Fifty years ago.
 3. Thousands of years ago.
 4. Ten years ago.

Q108. Margie went into the schoolroom. It was right next to her bedroom, and the mechanical teacher was on and waiting for her. It was always on at the same time every day except Saturday and Sunday, because her mother said little girls learned better if they learned at regular hours. **4 Marks**

Questions:

1. Where did Margie go?
2. Where was her schoolroom located?

3. Who was waiting for her?
4. Why did her mechanical teacher not remain present on Saturday and Sunday?

Q109. Describe the functioning of Tommy and Margie's school, the mechanical teacher and telebooks. How do they compare with the schools of old days? **4 Marks**

Q110. She was eleven and hadn't seen as many telebooks as Tommy had. He was thirteen. She said, "Where did you find it?" "In my house". He pointed without looking, because he was busy reading. "In the attic". **4 Marks**

1. Margie was _____ years old.
2. Tommy had seen more telebooks than Margie. (True/ False)
3. Tommy didn't look up to answer Margie's question because _____.
4. _____ is the word in the above lines which means the same as 'the space or room at the top of a building'.

Q111. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow: **4 Marks**
 "Today, 17 May 2157, Tommy found a real book!"

1. Margie writes this in her _____.
2. She notes down that today is 17 May 2157 and _____.
3. Margie is feeling strange because in her times, real books do not exist. [True/ False].
4. 'Real book' implies _____.

Q112. "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." "Just the same they didn't do it that way then. If you don't like it, you don't have to read the book."

Questions:

1. Why should a teacher be adjusted?
2. Who said it and to whom?
3. How should each kid be taught?
4. Who does 'they' refer to here?

Q113. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:
 "She was thinking about the fun they had."

1. _____ was thinking about their fun.
2. "They" in the above line refers to _____.
3. School-goers in the ancient times had much more fun as compared to the present times. [True/ False].
4. A synonym for 'fun' can be _____.

Q114. "Gee," said Tommy, "what a waste. When you're through with the book, you just throw it away, I guess. Our television screen must have had a million books on it and it's good for plenty more. I wouldn't throw it away."

Questions:

1. Why did Tommy say that the old book was just a waste?
2. Was Tommy sure about his own statement?
3. What would Tommy not throw away and why?
4. What is our television screen good for?

Q115. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow: **4 Marks**
 'May be,' he said nonchalantly. He walked away whistling, the dusty old book tucked beneath his arm.

1. _____ walked away whistling.
2. _____ was showing interest in the book.
3. The speaker placed the book under her arm and went homewards. [True/ False]
4. The word _____ in the above line is the synonym of 'unconcerned'.

Q116. Read the following extracts carefully and choose the correct option: **4 Marks**

Margie always hated school, but now she hated it more than ever. The mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in geography and she had been doing worse and worse until her mother had shaken her head sorrowfully and sent for the County Inspector.

1. Why did Margie hate the school more than ever?
1. Margie had failed.
2. Performance in Geography was poor.
3. Had to sit for long hours.

4. Could not concentrate.
2. Why did Margie's mother call for county Inspector?
 1. To assess Margie's performance in Geography.
 2. To repair the computer
 3. To load new syllabus
 4. To teach Margie
3. The antonym of 'desperately' will be:
 1. Pleasantly.
 2. Sorrowfully.
 3. Calmly.
 4. Dangerously.
4. Margie's mother shook her head sorrowfully because:
 1. Of too much noise.
 2. Of Margie's poor performance.
 3. Tommy's laughter.
 4. Margie not obeying her.

Q117. Read the following extract carefully and choose the correct option.

MARGIE even wrote about it that night in her diary. On the page headed 17th May, 2157, she wrote, "Today Tommy found a real book"!

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Q118. Will the existing schools and teachers become totally irrelevant in future 'school'? Give a reasoned answer.

4 Marks

Q119. Margie always hated school, but now she hated it more than ever. The mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in geography and she had been doing worse and worse until her mother had shaken her head sorrowfully and sent for the County Inspector.

4 Marks

1. Margie had been performing badly especially in ____.
2. The teachers at Margie's school were ____.
3. With the passage of time Margie started liking her school. (True/ False)
4. The word in the passage which is opposite of the word 'gladly' is:

Q120. What was the fun available to the students of the past according to the story?

4 Marks

Q121. How was the arrival of the County Inspector beneficial to Margie?

4 Marks

Q122. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

4 Marks

"Because it's not our kind of school, stupid. This is the old kind of school that they had hundreds and hundreds years ago."

1. According to the speaker, Tommy, _____ Was silly.
2. Hundreds of years ago, they _____ were not the same.
3. Margie appears to be quite aware. [True/ False]
4. The word _____ in the above lines means the same as 'dull witted'.

Q123. It was a very old book. Margie's grandfather once said that when he was a little boy, his grandfather told him that there was a time when all stories were printed on paper. **4 Marks**

1. The book being talked about in the above lines is the book that was found _____.
2. After seeing the real book children didn't react at all. (True/ False)
3. According to the grandfather the old book was still valuable because all stories were _____.
4. The word that means the same as 'bygone' is _____.

Q124. Compare and contrast the old schools with the schools of the year 2157. Which one do you prefer and why?

Q125. 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.

Questions:

1. Who does 'He' refer to here?
2. Why did 'He' give Margie an apple?
3. What did 'He' do to the teacher?
4. What had Margie hoped?

Q126. "Sure they had a teacher, but it wasn't a regular teacher. It was a man".

1. Regular teacher in the above lines refers to the.
2. Tommy and Margie were not taught by a regular teacher. (True/False)
3. They were taught by a man. 'They' refers to people of _____.
4. Find the synonym of 'customary' from the extract.

Q127. All the kids from the whole neighbourhood came, laughing and shouting in the schoolyard, sitting together in the schoolroom, going home together at the end of the day. They learned the same things, so they could help one another with the homework and talk about it.

1. Margie seems to be engrossed in the thoughts of _____.
2. Margie has actually travelled into the future. (True False)
3. All children used to have a good time in the _____.
4. Find a word from the extract that is similar in meaning 'to give assistance to'.

Q128. 'Gee', said Tommy, "what a waste. When you're through with the book, you just throw it away, I guess. Our television screen must have had a million books on it and it's good for plenty more. I wouldn't throw it away." "Same with mine", said Margie. She was eleven and hadn't seen as many telebooks as Tommy had. He was thirteen.

She said "Where did you find it?"

"In my house." He pointed without looking because he was busy reading. "In the attic." "What's it about?" "School."

1. Tommy calls this old book a waste because
 1. it could not be stored.
 2. it was costly.
 3. pages could not be turned.
 4. did not teach anything.
2. The old book was about
 1. movies.
 2. paintings.
 3. school.
 4. house.
3. Which word in the passage is antonym of 'less'?
 1. Million.

2. Slight.
3. Plenty of.
4. Deficient.
4. What is a telebook?
1. It is made of pages.
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Q129. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

4 Marks

'What a waste. When you're through with the book, you just throw it away. I guess. Our television screen must have had a million books on it and it's good for plenty more. I wouldn't throw it away.'

1. The speaker of the above lines is _____.
2. The speaker is comparing an e-book with a _____.
3. An e-book is a complete waste as it has to be thrown after reading. [True/ False].
4. _____ in the above lines means the same as 'junk'.

Q130. Margie was scornful. "School ? what's there to write about school? I hate school."

Margie always hated school, but now she hated it more than ever. The mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in geography and she had been doing worse and worse until her mother had shaken her head sorrowfully and sent for the County Inspector.

1. What does Mechanical Teacher mean here?
1. Margie's mother
2. Teacher on the screen
3. Students
4. School Inspector
2. Why did Margie hate school?
1. Has to study
2. Could not perform well
3. Hated computer
4. Didn't find time to play
3. Which adverb in the passage is antonym to the word 'Joyfully'?
1. Scornful
2. Worse
3. Hated
4. Sorrowfully
4. In what subject was Margie doing poorly?
1. Maths
2. English
3. Geography
4. Science

Q131. "Sure they had a teacher, but it wasn't a regular teacher. It was a man."

"A man? How could a man be a teacher ?"

"Well, he just told the boys and girls things and gave them homework and asked them questions."

"A man isn't smart enough."

"Sure he is. My father knows as much as my teacher."

"He knows almost as much, I betcha."

Margie wasn't prepared to dispute that. She said, "I wouldn't want a strange man in my house to teach me."

1. The expression 'Smart enough' is used to denote a person's
1. intelligence.
2. competency.
3. nature.
4. hobbies.
2. What kind of a teacher is referred to in this passage?
1. Screen teacher.
2. Regular teacher of a school.
3. County Inspector.
4. Mother as teacher.

3. What did Margie not want in her house?
1. A screen teacher.
2. A strange man.
3. Neighbours.
4. Tommy.
4. What did the teacher do in the old school?
1. Taught the students.
2. Gave them homework.
3. Asked them questions.
4. All of the above.

Q132. That was not so bad. The part Margie hated most was the slot where she had to put homework and test papers. She always had to write them out in a punch code they made her learn when she was six years old, and the mechanical teacher calculated the marks in no time.

4 Marks

1. The _____ was not so bad at teaching.
2. To _____ and _____ was hated the most by Margie.
3. The mechanical teachers were too rapid in calculating the marks. (True/False)
4. The word which means same as 'detested' is _____.

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Q134. Tommy screamed with laughter. "You don't know much, Margie. The teachers didn't live in the house. They had a special building and all the kids went there".

4 Marks

"And all the kids learned the same thing"?

"Sure, if they were the same age".

"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".

"Just the same, they didn't do it that way then. If you don't like it, you don't have to read the book".

"I didn't say I didn't like it", Margie said quickly She wanted to read about those funny schools.

1. What does Margie's mother say about children's education?

1. Every child has to be taught differently.
2. By the same method.
3. All kids learn the same thing.

4. All kids need the same teacher.
2. Which special building is referred to here by Tommy?
 1. Movie theatre.
 2. Parent's house.
 3. School.
 4. Friend's house.
3. The expression "Screamed with laughter" means.
 1. Scream
 2. Giggle
 3. Be amused
 4. Roared loudly
4. The new method of teaching is more useful as:
 1. Child gets more time to study.
 2. It is easier.
 3. Teaches according to intelligence of each child.
 4. Child has to study regularly.

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Q136. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

4 Marks

Margie's grandfather once said that when he was a little boy, his grandfather told him that there was a time when all stories were printed on paper. They turned the pages, which 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, you know.

Questions:

1. 'All stories were printed on paper'. Who spoke this sentence and to whom?
2. How were the pages of the book?
3. How were all stories printed during Margie's grandfather's days?
4. How are the stories presented these days?

Q137. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

4 Marks

"Sure they had a teacher, but it wasn't a regular teacher. It was a man."

1. _____ is the speaker of above line.
2. Here 'a regular teacher' is a _____ teacher.

3. In olden times, teachers used to be humans according to the speaker. [True/ False].
4. 'Man' in the above line implies _____.

Q138. Describe the kind of books that the grandfather of Margie's grandfather had studied.

4 Marks

Q139. "And it's probably time for Tommy, too." Margie said to Tommy, "Can I read the book some more with you after school?" "May be," he said nonchalantly. He walked away whistling, the dusty old book tucked beneath his arm.

4 Marks

Questions:

1. It is time to do what for Tommy?
2. What sort of book does Margie want to read?
3. When does she want to read the book?
4. Where has Tommy kept the old book?

Q140. Margie always hated school, but now she hated it more than ever. The mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in geography and she had been doing worse and worse until her mother had shaken her head sorrowfully and sent for the County Inspector.

4 Marks

Questions:

1. What sort of feeling did Margie have about school?
2. Who had been giving Margie test after test of geography?
3. How had been Margie doing her test in geography?
4. Where did Margie's mother send Margie?

Q141. I've slowed it up to an average ten-year level. Actually, the overall pattern of her progress is quite satisfactory." And he patted the Margie's head again. Margie was disappointed. She had been hoping they would take the teacher away altogether.

Questions:

1. Who does 'T' refer to here?
2. Why did he slow down the slot?
3. How was Margie's overall pattern of progress?
4. What made Margie disappointed?

Q142. The Inspector had smiled after he was finished and patted Margie's head. He said to her mother, "It's not the little girl's fault, Mrs. Jones. I think the geography sector was geared a little too quick. Those things happen sometimes. I've slowed it up to an average ten-year level".

1. Margie's _____ performance was not at all her fault.
2. The fault was with _____ which was adjusted too quick.
3. Sometimes the mechanical teachers are not geared too quick. (True/ False)
4. The word which is the same as 'tapped or touched' is _____.

Q143. According to Margie, schools today are more fun than the schools in the story. Do you agree with this? Why? Why not?

Q144. Tommy screamed with laughter. "You don't know much, Margie. The teachers didn't live in the house. They had a special building and all the kids went there."

"And all the kids learned the same thing?"

"Sure, if they were the same age."

"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."

"Just the same, they didn't do it that way then. If you don't like it, you don't have to read the book."

"I didn't say I didn't like it," Margie said quickly She wanted to read about those funny schools.

1. What does Margie's mother say about children's education?

1. Every child has to be taught differently.
2. By the same method.
3. All kids learn the same thing.
4. All kids need the same teacher.

2. Which special building is referred to here by Tommy?

1. Movie theatre.
2. Parent's house.

3. School.
4. Friend's house.
3. The expression "Screamed with laughter" means
 1. scream.
 2. giggle.
 3. be amused.
 4. roared loudly.
4. The new method of teaching is more useful as
 1. child gets more time to study.
 2. it is easier.
 3. teaches according to intelligence of each child.
 4. child has to study regularly.

Q145. Margie was scornful. "School? what's there to write about school? I hate school".

4 Marks

Margie always hated school, but now she hated it more than ever. The mechanical teacher had been giving her test after test in geography and she had been doing worse and worse until her mother had shaken her head sorrowfully and sent for the County Inspector.

1. What does Mechanical Teacher mean here?
 1. Margie's mother.
 2. Teacher on the screen.
 3. Students.
 4. School Inspector.
2. Why did Margie hate school?
 1. Has to study.
 2. Could not perform well.
 3. Hated computer.
 4. Didn't find time to play.
3. Which adverb in the passage is antonym to the word 'Joyfully'?
 1. Scornful
 2. Worse
 3. Hated
 4. Sorrowfully
4. In what subject was Margie doing poorly?
 1. Maths
 2. English
 3. Geography
 4. Science

Q146. "Sure they had a teacher, but it wasn't a regular teacher. It was a man". "A man? How could a man be a teacher?" "Well, he just told the boys and girls things and gave them homework and asked them questions." "A man isn't smart enough."

Questions:

1. Who does 'a regular teacher' refer to here?
2. Who said that 'a man isn't smart enough'?
3. How did Margie react on hearing about the past teacher?
4. "But it wasn't a regular teacher." Who said this sentence?

Q147. Margie did so with a sigh. She was thinking about the old schools they had when her grandfather's grandfather was a little boy. All the kids from the whole neighborhood came, laughing and shouting in the schoolyard, sitting together in the schoolroom, going home together at the end of the day

4 Marks

Questions:

1. What did Margie do with a sigh?
2. What did Margie think?
3. What did Margie like about the kids of past schools?
4. Do you think that Margie had developed a fancy for old schools?

Q148. Read the following extracts carefully and choose the correct option:

4 Marks

Margie was disappointed. She had been hoping they would take the teacher away altogether. They had once taken Tommy's teacher away for nearly a month because the history sector had blanked out completely.

1. Why was Margie disappointed?
 1. She had failed.
 2. Her computer was not taken away.
 3. She has to study every day.
 4. She was scolded.
2. Why was Tommy's teacher taken away?
 1. History section had blanked out.
 2. It has to be repaired.
 3. New computer has to be used.
 4. Both 'a' and 'b'.
3. What was Margie hopeful about?
 1. Allowed not to study everyday.
 2. Her computer will be taken away for some days.
 3. Her mother will buy a new computer.
 4. Finding more about old school.
4. The expression 'blanked out here means:
 1. Omitted.
 2. Unrecalled.
 3. Recollected.
 4. Remembered.

Q149. Answer these questions in two or three paragraphs (100 – 150 words).
What are the main features of the mechanical teachers and the schoolrooms that Margie and Tommy have in the story?

Q150. They turned the pages, which 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, you know.

1. The pages were being turned by ____.
2. The colour of the pages, yellow and crinkly shows that the book was ____.
3. The words in the book were moving here and there. (True/ False)
4. The word in the above line that is opposite of 'moving' is ____.

Q151. " ____ Actually, the overall pattern of her progress is quite satisfactory". And he patted Margie's head again. Margie was disappointed. She had been hoping they would take the teacher away altogether.

1. According to the ____, the overall pattern of Margie's progress was satisfactory.
2. Margie was not happy as ____.
3. 'He' in the passage refers to Tommy. (True/ False)
4. Find a word from the extract which is the opposite of "unsatisfactory".

Q152. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:
"It's not the little girl's fault, Mrs. Jones. I think the geography sector was geared a little too quick..."

1. The _____ is the speaker of above lines.
2. The little girl being addressed here is _____.
3. It was not the little girl's fault because the geography sector was adjusted a little too quick. [True/ False].
4. The word _____ in the above line means the same as "accountability".

Q153. Describe the characteristics of old schools. How did they arouse so much interest in Margie and Tommy?

5 Marks

Q154. Answer these questions in two or three paragraphs (100 – 150 words).
Why did Margie hate school? Why did she think the old kind of school must have been fun?

5 Marks

Q155. Notice these two tenses again in the following examples.

5 Marks

Future Tense

There won't be any books left.
You won't learn your lessons.
Tommy will have an accident.

Unless if
Unless

Present Tense

We preserve them.
you don't study regularly.
He drives more slowly.

Complete the following conditional sentences. Use the correct form of the verb.

1. If I don't go to Anu's party tonight, _____

2. If you don't telephone the hotel to order food, _____.
3. Unless you promise to write back, I _____.
4. If she doesn't play any games, _____.
5. Unless that little bird flies away quickly, the cat _____.

- Q156.** Answer these questions in two or three paragraphs (100 – 150 words). **5 Marks**
Do you agree with Margie that schools today are more fun than the school in the story? Give reasons for your answer.
- Q157.** Describe the characteristics of old schools. How did they arouse so much interest in Margie and Tommy? **5 Marks**
- Q158.** Answer these questions in two or three paragraphs (100 – 150 words). **5 Marks**
Why did Margie hate school? Why did she think the old kind of school must have been fun?
- Q159.** Margie was thinking about how the kids must have loved it in the old days. She was thinking about the fun they had". Comment on Margie's observation that 'Kids must have loved it in the old day's, with reference to the text. **8 Marks**
- Q160.** You are Margie. As usual, you write your diary. Today is 12 June 2157. Share with us the page of your dairy, where you wrote about today.
- Q161.** What did the County Inspector say to Mrs Jones about the progress of Margie? Why was his arrival not appreciated by Margie?
- Q162.** The school in the story was not lovable to the kids. What should be done in order to make it lovable?
- Q163.** What problem did Margie have with her mechanical teacher? Did she have a liking for her teacher? Why or why not?
- Q164.** Read this sentence taken from the story:
They had once taken Tommy's teacher away for nearly a month because the history sector had blanked out completely.
The word complete is an adjective. When you add ly to it, it becomes an adverb.
Find the sentences in the lesson which have the adverbs given in the box below.
(awfully, sorrowfully, completely, loftily, carefully, differently, quickly, nonchalantly).
- Q165.** The lesson makes a prophecy that in the distant future books will be an extinct entity. What is your take on this futuristic comment?
- Q166.** Do you think a time might arrive when we would have a student's life as described in the lesson? In other words, do you think of a possible future when school, teacher and books would be replaced by intelligent machines?
- Q167.** Now use these adverbs to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.
1. The report must be read _____ so that performance can be improved.
 2. At the interview, Sameer answered our questions _____ shrugging his shoulders.
 3. We all behave _____ when we are tired or hungry.
 4. The teacher shook her head _____ when Ravi lied to her.
 5. I _____ forgot about it.
 6. When I complimented Revathi on her success, she just smiled _____ and turned away.
 7. The President of the Company is _____ busy and will not be able to meet you.
 8. I finished my work _____ so that I could go out to play.
- Q168.** How would you assess a mechanical teacher in comparison to a human teacher? **8 Marks**
- Q169.** Make adverbs from these adjectives. **8 Marks**
1. Angry _____
 2. Happy _____
 3. Merry _____
 4. Sleepy _____

5. Easy _____
6. Noisy _____
7. Tidy _____
8. Gloomy _____.

- Q170.** What difference do you see between the schools of the future and that of the past? **8 Marks**
- Q171.** It's not the little girl's fault, Mrs. Jones. I think the geography sector was geared a little too quickly. What, according to you, was wrong with the geography sector? Can a machine be a good teacher? **6 Marks**
- Q172.** What problem was Margie facing with her mechanical teacher? Why did she not like it? Do you think that teachers should be flexible in their approach of teaching? **6 Marks**
- Q173.** Compare and contrast the futuristic schools in the story with the schools of today. Do you think the futuristic schools will be a reality? **6 Marks**
- Q174.** Would you like to be taught by a mechanical or a human teacher? Why?
- Q175.** In which respect is your school system different from that of Margie? Which one do you like and why?
- Q176.** 'Machines can't replace human beings'. Explain this in 100-150 words in reference to the lesson 'The Fun They Had'.
- Q177.** Margie always hated school, but now she hated it more than ever. Why did she do so? According to you, what makes a school a lovely place?

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