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Chapter-9 | The Book that Saves the Earth?

Worksheet-1

Multiple Choice Questions

- In which time is the play The Book That Saved the Earth set in?**
 - Twenty fourth century
 - Twenty-second century
 - Twenty-sixth century
 - Twenty-fifth century
- Why did Think-Tank want to contact the crew of Space Probe One?**
 - To call the crew back to Mars.
 - To evacuate Mars before lunch.
 - To send them to Alpha Centauri.
 - To invade Earth before lunch.
- What stopped the Martian invasion of 2040 from happening?**
 - A tome about rocket and missiles
 - A secret file from outer space
 - An encyclopaedia
 - A dusty old book of nursery rhymes
- Iota thinks that they have landed in some storage barn while Omega thinks it is a haberdashery. What, according to Think-Tank, is that place?**
 - A classroom
 - A refreshment stand
 - A music hall
 - A theatre
- Where did the crew of Probe One find themselves when they land on Earth?**
 - Under the earth's crust
 - In a square place
 - In a closet
 - In a lake
- Mirror, mirror, in my hand. Who is the most fantastically intellectually gifted being in the land? Who said this?**
 - Great and Mighty Think-Tank
 - Captain Omega
 - Apprentice Noodle
 - Lieutenant Iota
- Why does Sergeant Oop compare the picture of Humpty Dumpty to Think-Tank?**
 - Because of his small legs.
 - Because of his big nose.
 - Because of his round eyes.
 - Because of his balloon brain.
- Why did Think Tank order Captain Omega to eat a book?**
 - None of these.
 - Because he wanted to destroy the book.
 - Because he thought it was a sandwich.
 - Because he wanted to know if it tasted dry.
- The book that saved the Earth, who ultimately eats a book on Think Tank's order?**
 - Sergeant Oop
 - Captain Omega
 - Apprentice Noodle
 - Lieutenant Iota

10. **How were the Martians able to decode the code i.e. the lines and dots and squiggles in the book?**

- (a) By taking vitamins to enhance eyesight.
- (b) By taking proteins to enhance eyesight.
- (c) By taking the proteins to increase their intelligence
- (d) By taking vitamins to increase their intelligence

Fill in the blanks :

- 11. Captain Omega picked up a large colourful sandwich which was in fact the book called ____.
- 12. According to the historian, the twentieth century was known as _____.

True / False

- 13. Think-Tank orders Noodle to get him a space capsule so that he can escape.
- 14. In the twenty-fifth century, the ruler of Mars was the wise and noble noodle.

Very Short Type Questions

- 15. How did a book save the earth from the chapter The Book that Saves the Earth?
- 16. How did Apprentice Noodle act smartly by suggesting something about the book without offending Think-Tank?

Short Type Questions

- 17. What does Think-Tank guess about these peculiar things?
- 18. Why was the twentieth century called Era of the Books?

Essay Type Questions

- 19. What did the historian speak about the books?
- 20. What report is given by Omega to Think-Tank?

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21. **Assertion (A)** : Think Tank's disdain for Earth and its inhabitants is evident throughout the narrative.

Reason (R) : Which of the following statements best describes the reason for his mockingly calling Earth a "primitive ball of mud" and his decision to invade it?

(a) He believes Earthlings possess superior military technology that could threaten Martian dominance.

(b) He is motivated by a desire to share advanced Martian knowledge and culture with a less developed civilization.

(c) He perceives Earthlings as intellectually inferior, physically less impressive, and utterly lacking in Martian grandeur, making Earth an easy target for conquest.

(d) He is primarily interested in acquiring Earth's vast natural resources for the benefit of the Martian empire.

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Answer & Solution

1. (d)
The play, The Book that Saved The Earth was set in the twenty-fifth century.
2. (d)
Think-Tank wanted to contact the space probe in order to invade Earth. He considered Earth a primitive ball of mud and wanted to put it under his generous rule.
3. (d)
The Martian invasion was stopped by a dusty old book of nursery rhymes, Mother Goose. The Martians interpreted the rhymes in a way that showed the earthlings to be far more advanced than they. This scared Think Tank and he beat a hasty retreat.
4. (b)
Think-Tank believes that it is a crude refreshment stand as humans are always eating. He compares the books to sandwiches.
5. (a)
The crew of Probe One landed in a square room filled with books. It was the Centerville Public Library.
6. (a)
This was said by the Great and Mighty Think-Tank, a vain and self-important ruler of Mars.
7. (d)
When Oop looks at the picture of Humpty Dumpty in the book, he marks its remarkable similarity with the mighty Think-Tank. They both have the same balloon brain.
8. (c)
Think-Tank thought that the books were sandwiches as humans were always seen eating something. He compared a book to a sandwich with outer two slices of bread and some kind of filling in between.
9. (a)
The order to eat the book is passed down from the captain to Iota and from her to Oop. Oop being the junior-most has to take a bite out of the book. He declares it "not delicious at all and rather dry as Martian dust."
10. (d)
Noodle reminded Think-Tank about the vitamins provided by their chemical department to increase their intelligence. ThinkTank ordered Omega, Iota and Oop to take the vitamins and told them that the code would then become clear to them.
11. Mother Goose
12. the Era of the Book
13. True
14. True

15. In the chapter, the book saves the Earth because the Martians, specifically Think-Tank, completely misinterpret its nursery rhymes as evidence of Earthlings' advanced technology and aggressive military intentions. This misinterpretation terrifies Think-Tank, leading him to abandon the invasion plans and order a hasty retreat from Earth.
16. Apprentice Noodle acted smartly by gently suggesting an alternative interpretation of the books (which Think-Tank thought were sandwiches) without directly contradicting him. Noodle respectfully mentioned that Earthlings used books for communication, not consumption, based on information he recalled. By framing it as a minor detail rather than a correction, Noodle avoided offending Think-Tank's ego and helped redirect the Martian invasion plans based on a more accurate understanding of Earth's culture.
17. When Think-Tank looks at those peculiar things in his mirror, he finds it is a book. He does not have any information about it. So, he just guesses that it is an eatable thing of Earthlings. It may be a sandwich.
18. The twentieth century was called the "Era of the books" because at that time there were books about everything, from ant-eaters to Zulus. Books taught people 'how to', 'when to', 'where to' and 'why to'. They illustrated, educated, punctuated and even decorated. The books covered a wide range of topics and were full of wisdom.
19. The twentieth century was called the 'Era of the Books' because they were the encyclopedia of knowledge. There were books for everything-from ant-eaters to Zulus. Books were used to educate people and teach them. In fact, books were a very important part of the life of the people. They were concerned with the continuous, methodical narrative and research of past events as related to the human race; as well as the study of all history in time.
20. Omega tells Think-Tank that they have reached the earth without any special problem. Now they were surrounded by some peculiar things. But he can't identify it. He has never seen such things earlier. They find a book but could not recognise it. They consider it a sandwich but later realise that it is a communication device used by the Earthlings.
21. (c) Think Tank compares Martians to Earthlings by highlighting what he sees as Martian superiority in beauty, intelligence (due to their "great and mighty balloon brain"), and overall grandeur. He considers Earthlings intellectually inferior, with "smaller heads" and a preoccupation with eating "sandwiches." He mockingly calls Earth a "ridiculous little planet," a "meaningless place," and a "primitive ball of mud" because he genuinely believes Earth and its inhabitants are beneath Martian standards. His decision to invade stems from this condescending view; he sees Earth as an easy target, a "primitive ball of mud" ready for conquest simply because its people are "not so intelligent and brave" as Martians. This perception of Earth's inferiority, rather than any strategic threat or resource need, is the primary reason for his planned invasion