

CHAPTER-1 | The Fun They Had

QUIZ
PART-01

1. What event did Margie record in her diary dated 17 May 2157?
A. The County Inspector repaired her teacher
B. Tommy found a real paper book
C. She topped a geography test
D. Her family moved to a new town (B)

Explanation: Margie wrote that Tommy had discovered an actual paper book, which was unusual in their time.

2. What about the old book seemed strange to the children?
A. The pages were written in code
B. The words stood still instead of moving on a screen
C. It glowed when opened
D. It played audio lessons automatically (B)

Explanation: They were surprised that the words did not move, unlike the changing text on screens they were used to.

3. Why did Tommy call printed books a "waste"?
A. They are heavy to carry
B. You discard them after use and a screen can hold millions of books
C. They are too expensive to buy
D. They get damaged by sunlight (B)

Explanation: Tommy felt books were wasteful because once used, they could not be reused like a screen that could store countless books.

4. Where did Tommy find the old book?
A. Basement
B. Library
C. Attic
D. School storeroom (C)

Explanation: Tommy found the book in the attic and was reading it when Margie saw him.

5. How old are the two children?
A. Margie 12; Tommy 14
B. Margie 10; Tommy 12
C. Margie 11; Tommy 13
D. Margie 9; Tommy 11 (C)

Explanation: The story mentions that Margie is eleven years old and Tommy is thirteen.

6. Why did Margie's mother send for the County Inspector?
A. The screen was flickering
B. Margie was doing worse and worse in geography tests
C. The teacher had stopped giving assignments
D. The history module needed an upgrade (B)

Explanation: Margie's poor performance in geography led her mother to call the County Inspector.

7. What adjustment did the County Inspector make to the mechanical teacher?
A. Replaced the screen with a newer model
B. Slowed the geography sector to an average ten-year level
C. Upgraded the history sector's memory
D. Installed a speech-recognition unit (B)

Explanation: He found the geography module too fast and reset it to the average level for a ten-year-old.

8. Which part of the mechanical setup did Margie dislike the most?
A. The large black casing
B. The voice output
C. The slot for submitting homework and test papers
D. The power cables (C)

Explanation: Margie especially hated the slot where she had to insert her homework and test papers.

9. How did Margie have to write her homework and tests?
A. By speaking answers aloud
B. In a special cursive script
C. Using a punch code she learned at six
D. Typing on a detachable keyboard (C)

Explanation: She used a punch code taught at the age of six to complete her assignments.

10. What had previously happened to Tommy's teacher?
A. It was upgraded to a newer model overnight
B. Its history sector blanked out, so it was taken away for nearly a month
C. It was reassigned to another student permanently
D. It failed to display screens for a day and was reset (B)

Explanation: Tommy's teacher had to be taken away for almost a month because its history sector had failed.