



Lit 1 Prose The Fun They Had

I Vocabulary

1. Crinkly:

The word "crinkly" is used to describe the state of the old books. It means having many folds or wrinkles.

2. Scornful:

Tommy's expression of "scornful" means he is showing contempt or disdain for the old books, according to Academia.edu.

3. Loftily:

The word "loftily" describes something done in a lofty manner, according to Vocabulary.com.

4. Nonchalantly:

The word "nonchalantly" means in a composed and unconcerned manner, according to Vocabulary.com.

II Extract Based Questions

Extract-based questions are of the multiple-choice variety, and students must select the correct option for each question by carefully reading the passage.

A. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

"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.

Q1. Who are Margie and Tommy?

Ans. Tommy is a thirteen year-old boy and Margie an eleven-year-old girl who live in the twenty second century.

Q2. Where had Tommy found the book?

Ans. The book was discovered by Tommy in his home's attic.

Q3. What is meant by "real book"?

Ans. The book is “real” as it is printed on paper rather than a telebook.

Q4. How did Margie learn about this book?

Ans. Margie’s grandfather had told her that he had heard from his grandfather about a time when all stories were printed on paper.

III Short Question Answers

1. What things about the book did Margie and Tommy find strange?

Ans. Tommy and Margie read telebooks, which included moving words on a screen. A machine used to store books had the capacity to hold a million books and yet had room for many more. The fact that the words in the printed book remained fixed as opposed to the shifting images on their television screen puzzled them.

2. Margie’s mother was very particular about her studies. Justify with evidence from the story.

Ans. Margie’s mother was very careful about her education and made sure Margie attended her tele-school on a regular basis and at set times since she believed young girls studied better if they had regular study times. She was quite concerned about Margie’s progress, and when she noticed that she wasn’t performing well in a specific subject, she called the County Inspector to check out the mechanical teacher.

Long Answer Questions

1. Do you agree that schools today are better than the schools in the story ‘The Fun They Had.’ Give reasons for your choice.

Ans. True, author Isaac Asimov discusses futuristic schools in his short fiction “The Fun They Had.” Each child is taught by a mechanical instructor at the school, which is a room in the house with television screens showing telebooks.

After reading the article, I believe that today’s students should be satisfied. I concur that a child can have flexible school hours when the parents decide the schedule and that each student can benefit from a greater one-on-one relationship with their teacher. The kids don’t have to travel as far by foot or car if the school (room) is at home, which saves time and money.

On the other side, we miss out on a chance to make friends. The most significant benefit of today is that we can interact with other children, talk to them during breaks, and have fun with them.

Together, students solve difficulties, which is crucial for a child’s growth and later life. Also, a human instructor is unquestionably a superior educator than a machine since he is familiar with both human and child difficulties. Never will a machine be able to experience human emotion. A human instructor can also impart important values and direction that a mechanical one cannot.

No, “The Fun They Had” by Isaac Asimov is a science fiction tale about education in the 22nd century. Tommy, 13, and Margie, 11, live in the year 2157, where attending school entails learning from a machine teacher at home. Because they read Telebooks, neither child has ever seen a printed book.

The author imagines what a school would look like in 200 years, when everything is run by computers and other modern technologies. Isaac Asimov illustrates very clearly the typical behaviour of an eleven-year-old girl and a thirteen-year-old boy in his novel, despite the technological advancements, therefore in his story the characters are not affected by the technological advancement.

A mechanical instructor can adapt their lessons to the student's mental capacity, which is a benefit. The child can learn the teachings more readily as a result. Technology and mechanical teachers can be used to address the various learning preferences of students. Mechanical instructors have the ability to pinpoint the precise errors that students make and provide quick feedback that is beneficial to the learners.