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Class - VII **Subject** - English Literature **Topic** – The Fun They Had

Read and Understands :

A. 1. (a) 2. (b) 3. (b) 4. (a) 5. (b)

B. 1. F 2. T 3. F 4. T 5. F

C. 1. Margie found it strange because words in the book stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to on a screen. Also, when one turned back to the page before, it had the same words on it that it had had when one read it the first time.

2. Margie and Tommy learnt geography, history and arithmetic.

3. Margie had been doing worse and worse in her geography tests so her mother sent for the County Inspector.

4. Margie started hating her school more than ever before she had been doing worse and worse in her geography tests.

5. Margie and Tommy had mechanical teachers.

D. 1. (a) They refers to schools that existed centuries ago.

(b) Here, 'regular' means mechanical teacher.

2. (a) Margie wrote these words.

(b) The real book' was a very old book printed on paper.

3. (a) The word 'he' refers to the County Inspector.

It refers to the mechanical teacher.

(b) Margie did not want it to be put together again because she hated putting homework and test papers in the slot and write them out in a punch code.

E.1. Tommy describes the old school as a physical building where children of different ages and grades gathered together to learn from a human teacher Tommy explains to Margie that in the old school, children used to go to school every day, but now schools are only for special occasions. He also tells Margie that in the old schools, the teachers used to ask the children questions and the children would have to answer on paper. Tommy says that old schools were not as fun as the mechanical teacher that they have now but they were still good for learning.

2. Margie hated school because her performance started going down after the geography tests. She had to put homework and test papers in the slot. 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.

3. Margie's mother sent for the County Inspector because she was doing worse and worse in the geography tests. The County Inspector told Margie's mother that Margie had no fault. The geography sector was geared a little too quick. Overall pattern of her progress was satisfactory.

4. The main features of the mechanical teachers and school rooms that Tommy and Margie have are:

(a) Mechanical teachers: In the story, schools no longer have human teachers; instead, they have mechanical teachers. These teachers are made of metal and plastic and have TV screens for faces. They are programmed to teach students all the subjects they need to know. They can answer any question the student asks and give them homework to complete.

(b) School rooms: The school rooms that Tommy and Margie have are located in their own homes. They consist of a mechanical teacher, a blackboard, and desks. The mechanical teacher is connected to a central databank that stores all the information that the students need

to learn. The blackboard is used by the mechanical teacher to display information and to give assignments to the students. The desks are where the students sit and do their work.

© Individualized learning: The mechanical teachers are programmed to teach each student individually, based on their needs and abilities. The students don't have to worry about keeping up with other students in the class because they are each working at their own pace.

(d) Lack of social interaction: The school rooms do not provide any social interaction between students, as they are all studying in their own homes with their own mechanical teacher. Tommy and Margie mention that they miss the social aspect of the old kind of school, where they could be with their friends and interact with other students.

5. Margie discovers an old book in her attic, and she enjoys reading it. She likes the book because it tells stories about children who go to school and have fun with their friends, which is a contrast to her own education experience. Margie is fascinated by the physical book itself, and she enjoys the experience of holding it, turning its pages, and reading the words on paper, which is something she has never done before.

Yes, Margie liked the old book. She liked it because it provided her with a glimpse into a different kind of education system, and because she enjoyed the physical experience of reading a book.