

NCERT Solutions:

Q1. Why was the 20th century called the "Era of the Book"?

Ans- The 20th century was called the "Era of the Book" because there were books about everything. It was a book which taught people what to do, how to do, when to do, why to do. Almost everything was done by books.

Q2. What guesses are made by Think -Tank about the books found on earth?

Ans- Think-Tank first thought that the books were a strange diet of Earthlings, which is called 'sandwich'. Then he guessed that this was communication sandwiches when they found the sandwiches were hard to eat or chew. Again he made a guess that it was a visual communication, which was made for eyes, not for ears.

Q3. Noodle avoids offending Think -Tank but at the same time he corrects his mistakes? How does he manage to do that?

Ans- Noodle avoids offending Think -Tank, rather he flatters him by praising him. He corrects his mistake in a very polite manner. He offends Think-Tank but not aggressively rather modestly.

Q4. Do you think books are being replaced by the electronic media ?

Ans- The present era is the era of electronic media. Electronic media is very easy to access. It is an audio-visual media so it is very entertaining to watch while reading books requires more intellect, concentration and understanding. Naturally, electronic media has become more catchy and attention- catcher in comparison to books.

Short Answer Questions:-

Q1. In what ways does Think-Tank misinterpret innocent nursery rhymes as threats to the Martians?

Ans- Think-Tank misinterprets innocent nursery rhymes in an interesting manner. The words like 'shell' and 'silver' make Think-Tank thinks that humans grew them in

farms. Then, there is a line about 'cow' and 'moon'. Also, the picture of Humpty-Dumpty and the rhyme of 'great fall' make Think-Tanks think that humans were about to invade Mars.

Q2. How does the book save the Earth?

Ans- Think-Tank, the rulers of Mars misinterprets the nursery rhymes which were there in the book "Mother Goose" and drops the idea to invade the earth. Thus, the earth is saved.

Q3. How are Omega, Iota and Oop related to each other?

Ans- Omega is the captain of Mars space control, Iota is Lieutenant and Oop is a sergeant. They all are related to Mars and come down to the Earth.

Q4. What difficulty do the crew of the space probe face on Earth?

Ans. The space probe lands in a public library. The crew was shocked because the place looked very strange as they had no idea of books. They think the library to be some kind of storage barn. They are puzzled (confused) as they are not familiar with books.

Q5. How does Think-Tank explain the books to its probe crew?

Ans. Think-Tank told his crew that the books were sandwiches and ordered his crew to eat them. Then, he called them communication devices and later he said that they were meant for watching.

Q6. Why do the space probe crew take vitamins?

Ans- Think Tank wanted the probe crew to find out what was in the books. So, they take vitamins to increase their intelligence. They are able to read the books after taking those vitamins. The book was Mother Goose and the lines were about Mistress Mary and her garden of cockle shells and silver bells.

Q7. Think-Tank thinks that Earthlings are after him. What is the reason?

Ans. Think Tank crew read about Humpty

Dumpty's fall in rhyme and showed the picture to Think-Tank. Think Tank's head resembled that of Humpty-Dumpty. This makes Think-Tank feel that earthlings were planning to invade Mars and capture him.

Long Answer questions :-

Q1. Describe Think-Tank in your own words

Ans. Think-Tank is the ruler of the planet Mars. His head is huge and egg shaped. He wears a robe decorated with stars and circles. He is very proud of his intelligence and might. But he is terrified when he is sent a picture of falling Humpty Dumpty on Earth.

Q2. How did one old book of nursery rhymes save the Earth from a Martian invasion?

Or

How did a book change Think-Tank's opinion?

Ans- This book is totally misunderstood by the Martians. The Martians thought that earthlings were planning to invade Mars. So, they cancelled their invasion of Earth and went back. Think-Tank totally misunderstands the book. Phrases like 'shell', 'silver', 'garden' gave him a false idea that earthlings grew silver and weapons. He starts thinking that earthlings are very advanced in technology.

Comprehension Questions:-

Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow:

"Please, excuse me your brilliance, but a cloudy piece of information is twirling around in my head"

Q1. From which lesson this line has been taken?

Ans- The Book That Saved The Earth.

Q2. Who is the writer of 'The Book That Saved The Earth'.

Ans- Claire Boiko

Q3. Who has said this line?

Ans- Noodle

Q4. To whom this line has been said?

Ans- Think Tank

Q5. Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'rotate'.

Ans- Twirling

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Q.1 According to Think Tank's decoding, which animal can fly on the Earth.

- a. dog
- b. cat
- c. cow
- d. horse

Q.2 What is the rank of Iota?

- a. seargent
- b. marshall
- c. lieutenant
- d. commander

Q3. Who is Noodle?

- a. boss of Think Tank.
- b. apprentice of Think Tank.
- c. colleague of Think Tank.
- d. acquaintance of Think Tank.

Q4. Where was Iota?

- a. theatre on Earth
- b. shopping mall on Earth
- c. library on Earth
- d. hospital on earth

Q5. Name the book of nursery rhymes that saved the Earth?

- a. Mother Goose
- b. Father Goose
- c. Baby Goose
- d. Sister Goose

Q6. What are the invaders called?

- a. Marsers
- b. Martians
- c. Martina
- d. Marsent

Q7. The story is set in the?

- a. past
- b. present
- c. future
- d. none of the above

Q8. How many moons does Mars have ?

- a. one
- b. two
- c. four
- d. five

Q9. What is the 'Sandwich' used for on Earth, according to Noodle?

- a. aviation
- b. television
- c. communication
- d. transportation

Q10. Who is the Commander-in-chief of Mars space control?

- a. Oop
- b. Omega
- c. Iota
- d. Think-Tank

Answer Key

1. (c) cow
2. (c) lieutenant
3. (b) apprentice of Think Tank.
4. (c) library on Earth
5. (a) Mother Goose
6. (b) Martians
7. (c) future
8. (b) two
9. (c) communication
10. (d) Think-Tank