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Theme

Since time immemorial, with the invention of writing systems, man has been using books to impart knowledge, share their emotions and experiences, fears and joys. Books not only give pleasure but also a variety of information. Books show us the right path when we go astray, they entertain us when we get bored and serve as a companion, when we feel lonely.

Summary

The play 'The Book That Saved The Earth' is full of imagination. In it, the different characters like Think-Tank, Noodle, Oop, Omega, etc. play as the Martian living beings. The play is set in the 25th century. The play tells us in detail as to how the book successfully saved the earth from Martian invasion. Think-Tank who is the mightiest and the most brilliant among all the Martians is the commander-in-chief. Think-Tank conducts the manned space probe in order to ask them their position. Think-Tank asks them to show him the place closely. In fact, they were in a library full of different books. But they fail to understand where they were. Then, Think-Tank tries to show his intelligence and tells his crew that the thing in question was a sandwich. Then, one of the crew members even eats the corner of a book to confirm the views of Think-Tank. After some time, Noodle suggests Think-Tank that it was not for eating but for communication with ears. After some time, Noodle again suggests Think-Tank that it was not for ear communication but for eye communication.

ANSWERS TO NCERT QUESTIONS

READ AND FIND OUT

1. Why was the twentieth century called the 'Era of the book'?

Ans. There were books for everything, from anteaters to Zulus. Books taught people what to do, how to do, when to do and why to do. They explained, educated, directed and decorated. No wonder that it was called the era of books.

2. Who tried to invade the earth in the twenty-first century?

Ans. Martians tried to invade the earth in the twenty-first century.

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

Ans. Think-Tank first guesses them to be sandwiches. Then, he calls them communication devices. After that, he thinks them to be some kind of eye communication devices that have to be devices watched.

THINK ABOUT IT

1. 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 while correcting his mistakes by presenting his own thoughts, but referring to them as being of no particular importance. Whenever he had to say something contrary to what Think-Tank said, he would do this. In this way, he would correct Think-Tank's errors without making Think-Tank feel that he was being corrected.

2. If you were in Noodle's place, how would you handle Think-Tank's mistakes?

Ans. If I were in Noodle's place, I would do the same. I would have politely and gently suggested the corrections.

3. Do you think books are being replaced by the electronic media? Can we do away with books altogether?

Ans. Yes, these days online reading has replaced traditional books to a large extent. Internet, Facebook, Twitter, etc. have decreased interest in reading. But the truth is that books cannot be totally replaced. Books can never go out of life although they may exist in a different form.

4. Why are books referred to as a man's best companion? Which is your favourite book and why? Write a paragraph about that book.

Ans. A book is a man's best companion because it is always there. It never leaves us alone. It is there with us even when everyone else is gone. Books guide us, instruct us, make us laugh, inform us, inspire us and are always true to us. My favourite book is Peter Pan. It is a fairy tale. I love the character of Peter. He lives in fantasies. He is a child who never wants to grow up and he never does. He enjoys thrills and adventures, and even takes the kids from earth on a merry adventure. The book inspires as it shows that one can remain a child at heart forever. The sense of wonder, innocence, purity and joy can stay in the human heart forever.

TALK ABOUT IT

1. In what ways does Think-Tank misinterpret innocent nursery rhymes as threats to the Martians? Can you think of any incidents where you misinterpreted a word or an action? How did you resolve the misunderstanding?

Ans. The words like 'shell' and 'silver' make Think-Tank think 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-Tank think that humans were about to invade Mars. Yes, I had a similar misunderstanding with a friend. But I was fortunate as I got to know the actual truth just in time. I did not believe what I had heard earlier.

2. The aliens in the play speak English. Do you think this is their language? What could be the language of the aliens?

Ans. No, English was not their language. If it had been so, they would not have misinterpreted the nursery rhymes. They could be speaking some Martian language.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

Extract-Based Questions

(5 Marks each)

Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow.

1. **OOP:** I haven't a clue. I've been to seven galaxies, but I've never seen anything like this. Maybe they're hats. (*He opens a book and puts it on his head.*) Say, maybe this is a haberdashery!

OMEGA: (*bowing low*) Perhaps the Great and Mighty Think-Tank will give us the benefit of his thought on the matter.

THINK-TANK: Elementary, my dear Omega. Hold one of the items up so that I may view it closely. (*Omega holds a book on the palm of her hand.*) Yes, yes, I understand now. Since Earth creatures are always eating, the place in which you find yourselves is undoubtedly a crude refreshment stand.

OMEGA: (*to Iota and Oop*) He says we're in a refreshment stand.

OOP: Well, the Earthlings certainly have a strange diet. (CBSE Question Bank)

(a) Why did Omega bow low before Think-Tank? (2)

(b) Choose the option that associates the person to a 'haberdashery'. (1)

- (i) Jagdeep is a primary school teacher who teaches English.
- (ii) Tanishq is a tailor who makes garments for men only.
- (iii) Falguni is a chemist who manufactures her own medicine.
- (iv) Asma is an engineer who works on designing space stations.

(c) What does Think-Tank mean by saying – 'Elementary, my dear Omega'? (1)

(d) The quality of being crude has been allotted to the refreshment stand because: (1)

- (i) Earthlings have bad eating habits according to Think-Tank.
- (ii) the temperature of the refreshment stand was too high.
- (iii) the refreshment stands are responsible for poor health of the Earthlings.
- (iv) it produces food that is unrefined and unprocessed in nature.

Ans. (a) Since none of the crew members could figure out what those unusual things were, Omega bowed low before Think-Tank as a mark of respect and recognition of supremacy to ask him to explain what they were.

(b) (ii) Tanishq is a tailor who makes garments for men only.

(c) He means to say that "It's quite obviously deducible, Omega."

(d) (iv) it produces food that is unrefined and unprocessed in nature.

2. **THINK-TANK:** That's better, Noodle. I wish to be placed in communication with our manned space probe to that ridiculous little planet we are going to put under our generous rulership. What do they call it, again?

NOODLE: Earth, your Intelligence.

THINK-TANK: Earth — of course. You see how insignificant the place is? But first, something important. My mirror. I wish to consult my mirror.

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- (a) **Think-Tank wants to communicate with the:** (1)
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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (i) people of Earth | (ii) scientists on Earth |
| (iii) environmentalists on Earth | (iv) Martians on Earth |
- (b) **Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the passage.** (1)
 read : learn :: explore : _____
- (c) **'Your Intelligence' refers to:** (1)
- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| (i) Earth | (ii) Noodle |
| (iii) Little Planet | (iv) Think-Tank |
- (d) **Who is Think-Tank? What does he want to do?** (2)

- Ans.** (a) (iv) Martians on Earth
 (b) probe
 (c) (iv) Think-Tank
 (d) Think-Tank is the ruler of the Martian planet. With a large egg-shaped head and a long robe adorned, he considers himself to be the most powerful and intelligent creature. He wants to invade the Earth and put it under his rulership.

3. **THINK-TANK:** Sandwiches are the main staple of Earth diet. Look at it closely. (*Omega squints at book.*) There are two slices of what is called bread, and between them is some sort of filling.

OMEGA: That is correct, sir.

THINK-TANK: To confirm my opinion, I order you to eat it.

OMEGA: (*gulping*) Eat it?

THINK-TANK: Do you doubt the Mighty Think-Tank?

OMEGA: Oh, no, no. But poor Lieutenant Iota has not had her breakfast. Lieutenant Iota, I order you to eat this —this sandwich.

IOTA: (*dubiously*) Eat it? Oh, Captain! It's a very great honour to be the first Martian to eat a sandwich, I'm sure, but — but how can I be so impolite as to eat before my Sergeant? (*handing Oop the book and saying brightly*) Sergeant Oop, I order you to eat the sandwich immediately.

- (a) **The boastful manner of Think Tank and his misinterpreted definition of the sandwiches prove that he was a/an:** (1)
- | | |
|------------------------|--|
| (i) intelligent leader | (ii) accountable and engaging leader |
| (iii) big moron | (iv) amiable and self-motivated leader |
- (b) **The word 'gulping', as used in the extract, DOES NOT mean the same as:** (1)
- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| (1) restraining and devouring | (2) swilling, slurping and gorging |
| (3) suppressing and quenching | (4) ejecting, banishing and excreting |
| (5) gobbling and gormandizing | |

- (i) Option (2) (ii) Option (3) and (4)
 (iii) Option (1) and (5) (iv) Option (4)

- (c) Why did the Martians feel reluctant to eat the sandwiches? (2)
 (d) Who was eventually made to eat the sandwich? (1)

Ans. (a) (iii) big moron

- (b) (iv) Option (4)
 (c) Think-Tank mistakes the books for sandwiches. But the crew members do not find the books eatable. So they try to avoid eating them. They make terrible faces while chewing and swallowing them.
 (d) Oop was eventually made to eat the sandwich.

4. **THINK-TANK:** It can't be worth much, but go ahead. Give us your trifling bit of data.

NOODLE: Well, sir, I have seen surveyor films of those sandwiches. I notice that the Earthlings did not eat them. They used them as some sort of communication device.

THINK-TANK: (*haughtily*) Naturally. That was my next point. These are actually communication sandwiches. Think-Tank is never wrong. Who is never wrong?

All: (*saluting*) Great and Mighty Think-Tank is never wrong.

THINK-TANK: Therefore, I order you to listen to them.

(a) Complete the analogy by selecting the word from the text. (1)
 courteous : insolent :: haughtily : _____.

(b) Select the option that displays the reason why Think-Tank reiterates, "Think-Tank is never wrong." Because: (1)

- (i) they are Think-Tank's subordinates and he likes to be praised for his intelligence
 (ii) Think-Tank wants them to feel superior
 (iii) Think-Tank wants to punish them
 (iv) Think-Tank never boasts about himself

(c) What is Noodle trying to do in the given extract? (1)

- (i) Noodle, being a sycophant, is trying to appease his boss.
 (ii) Noodle is trying to establish his intellect over others.
 (iii) Noodle is trying to establish a good relationship between the Martians and the people of Earth.
 (iv) Both (i) and (iii)

(d) The playwright has placed certain words and sentences in brackets in the given extract. List any two ways these benefit both the director and actors. (2)

Ans. (a) humbly

- (b) (i) they are Think-Tank's subordinates and he likes to be praised for his intelligence
 (c) (iv) Both (i) and (iii)
 (d) Helps with understanding stage setting and movements; helps actors with the emotions and directors with gestures to gain clarity while performing.

Short Answer Questions

(40–50 words: 3 Marks each)

1. What different guesses were made by the Martians about what books are?

Ans. In the process of Martian invasion on earth, they landed in a library. They assumed that the books were sandwiches and tried to understand the meaning of the code. And for that, they had to take vitamins given by the chemical department. They thought it would increase their intelligence.

2. What steps did the crew take to decipher the code in the sandwich?

Ans. They thought that the books were sandwiches and tried to eat them. They misunderstood sandwiches to be some sort of communication device. Later, they took them as eye communication and not ear communication, and that they have to take vitamins to understand all these codes.

3. Why did Think-Tank send his crew on the earth?

Ans. Think-Tank, the ruler of Mars regarded the earth as a mass of mud, and earthlings as ugly, tiny-headed creatures. He planned to invade earth and expand his domain. He sent Probe One to earth to get more information about the earthlings.

4. How did Think-Tank interpret the poem, 'The Cat and the Fiddle'?

Ans. Think-Tank misinterpreted the poem. He thought that earthlings had taught their domesticated animals musical culture and space techniques. He thought that they might be launching an interplanetary attack on millions of cows.

5. How does Think-Tank describe the people on earth? Why does he command Noodle to contact the space probe?

Ans. Think-Tank thought earthlings were weak, ignorant, uncivilised persons and hence, planned to invade earth. He sent his commander, Noodle to make contact with the crew of the manned space probe, now on earth to seek more information about the earth.

6. What does Noodle suggest to Think-Tank about the books?

Ans. Noodle tells Think-Tank that the earthlings did not listen to the sandwiches, they opened and watched them. Think-Tank had thought that the books were sandwiches. He told that they use these books as a device of communication.

7. Why did Think-Tank decide to evacuate the Mars?

Ans. Think-Tank misinterpreted the rhymes and thought earthlings were a threat to him as well as to Mars. He got scared and called back Probe One, dropped the idea of invading and escaped to Alpha Centauri, a hundred million miles away from Mars.

8. Mention any two points of differences between Earthlings and Martians in the 20th century.

Ans. In the 20th century, Earthlings, people from Earth, are highly civilized than the Martians, people from Mars. Earthlings could read and write, whereas Martians could not even identify books. They interpreted books to be sandwiches. Earthlings are ahead of Martians in every way.

9. Martians were never able to bring themselves to read the book 'Mother Goose'. Discuss why the Historian said so.

Ans. The Historian said so because when Martians planned to invade earth, they entered a library. They took vitamins to increase their intelligence and read the rhymes from 'Mother Goose'. They misinterpreted rhymes as threats and got scared. They felt that Mars was being invaded soon by Earthlings.

10. Elaborate on that quality of a book that saved the planet Earth.

Ans. An old book of rhymes 'Mother Goose' was able to avert the disaster and it saved the

Earth from Martian invasion. Martians could not decode the little lines, squabbles and dots along the pictures in the book. When they saw the picture of Humpty Dumpty, it resembled with that of Think-Tank. The rhyme 'Humpty Dumpty had a great fall' made Think-Tank scream and he prepared to run away.

11. Why did Think-Tank react in alarm to the third passage read?

Ans. Think-Tank reacted in alarm as he misunderstood the meaning of the poem and thought that they can actually grow crops of rare metals and even explosives also, which are dangerous for him.

12. What do the historians speak about the books?

Ans. The historians tell that the twentieth century was called — The Era of Books. They were the encyclopedias 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 life of the people.

13. Why is book referred to as a man's best companion? Which book saved the earth from Martian invasion?

Ans. Books are our best friends and companions. They are never demanding but always giving knowledge and pleasure. They give us company. The book that saved the earth from Martian invasion was 'Mother Goose.'

14. Think-Tank assumes that the Earthlings are after him. Give any two reasons for the same.

Ans. Think-Tank's crew read about Humpty-Dumpty's fall in the rhyme and showed the picture to Think-Tank. In the poem, Think-Tank's head resembled that of Humpty-Dumpty. This made Think-Tank feel that earthlings were planning to invade Mars and capture him.

15. The best way to defend is to offend, but the same thing is not seen by Noodle. How does he manage to do that?

Ans. Noodle avoided offending Think-Tank, but at the same time he corrected his mistakes. Whenever he had to say something contrary to what Think-Tank said, he would present his thoughts by referring to them as being of no particular importance.

Long Answer Questions

(100–120 words: 6 Marks each)

1. 'Pride has a fall'. Justify this statement giving relevant points from how Think-Tank reacted to the readings from Mother Goose. (Competency-based Question)

Ans. Martians invaded the earth and reached in a library. Think-Tank was their boss. He was very proud of his wisdom, as he was having a big balloon like head. He thought that he was the wisest person on Mars. Nobody could disobey him, or even dare to speak against him. He claimed that he had a quick mind. He had no respect for anyone and regarded other's views as trifling. He was also fickle-minded.

He misinterpreted the rhymes in a complete verbal manner. The rhyme mistress Mar made him ponder over the discovery of the earth. From the poem, diddle-diddle he was more alarmed and from the poem Humpty-Dumpty, he was so frightened that he decided to leave the earth and run away to Alpha Centauri. Thus, his great wisdom was defeated and had a great fall.

2. Attempt a character sketch of Noodle, highlighting the values projected by him.

Ans. Noodle is one of the crew members of the invasion team that came to invade earth. He is known as Apprentice Noodle. He is the co-ordinator between Think-Tank and the

invasion team. He echoes Think-Tank in every manner. He is a very clever creature. He knows that Think-Tank being commander-in-chief has to be obeyed. So, he keeps on praising Think-Tank and also passes sarcastic remarks. It is only Noodle who thinks practically and differently about the books which were considered as sandwiches to eat. Though Think-Tank took over the idea as his own, Noodle doesn't feel sad at all. He is a blind and true follower of Think-Tank.

3. Historian speaks highly about books. How can books help you in preventing a catastrophe?

Ans. According to the historian, the planet was protected from the Martian invasion by a dusty old nursery rhyme book (Mother Goose). All this happened because the nursery rhymes read out to Think-Tank was misinterpreted.

According to historians, only the books saved the earth from Martian invasion, for the Martians had misunderstood the meaning of the poems and got frightened of them. So, they left the earth in a hurry and even evacuated the Mars and headed over to Alpha Centauri. Even in our day-to-day life, we get all our solutions from books whether it is health related or anything else. So, we can say that books help us in preventing a catastrophe.

4. In what ways does Think-Tank misinterpret innocent nursery rhymes as a threat to the Martians?

Ans. Think-Tank wanted to invade earth, so he sends Probe One to get more information about the earthlings. The crew enters a library. Thereafter taking vitamins, they take out the book 'Mother Goose' and decipher the rhymes.

The rhymes are misinterpreted as threats by Think-Tank. After listening to the first rhyme, 'Mistress Mary,' he concluded that earthlings had discovered how to combine agriculture and mining. The second rhyme, 'Hey Diddle, Diddle', seemed to suggest to him that the earthlings might be launching an interplanetary attack on millions of cows. The third rhyme, 'Humpty Dumpty' wherein Humpty had a great fall and its picture that resembled him threatened him and his planet Mars, he got so scared that he dropped the idea of invading earth, and escaped to Alpha Centauri. Thus, a book of nursery rhymes saved earth from Martian invasion.

5. Justify the title of the play, 'The Book that Saved the Earth'.

Ans. In the play — 'The Book that Saved The Earth', a book of nursery rhymes of 'Mother Goose' is responsible for stopping the Martian invasion on earth. Think-Tank, the ruler of Mars plans to invade earth before lunch and sends Probe One to get more information about the earthlings. They enter a library but can't figure out what these books are. They take vitamins to increase their intelligence, and then try read and understand the rhymes from 'Mother Goose'. Think-Tank misinterprets the rhymes, believing that the earthlings are planning to invade the Mars. Scared, he calls back Probe One, drops the idea of invading and escapes to Alpha Centauri, a hundred million miles away from Mars. Hence, we can say that the title 'The Book that Saved the Earth' is justified.

6. The play suggests that 20th century was the 'Era of the Book'. With that reference, what would you like to call the era of the 21st century? What role does that object/concept play in the lives of human beings? (Competency-based Question)

Ans. I would call the era of 21st century as the 'Era of Technology'. Science advanced dramatically during the 21st century. A massive amount of new technologies was developed in this century. Radio was one of the first major inventions of the 21st century.

The technological developments have been profound, both improving our lives and endangering us. Technology has made our lives even more convenient. Its main aim is to make life easier. It has infiltrated every aspect of our lives, changing how we work, how we learn, and how we live. The best advantage of technology is that it increases the efficiency of any work. We can perform more tasks in less time.

7. At the end of the play, one is told that five centuries later Noodle has acquired the position of Think-Tank. Through your understanding of both the characters, pen down the account of events that could have led to Think-Tank's replacement by Noodle.

(Competency-based Question) (CBSE Question Bank)

Ans. Incompetency always strives for a change. One who is efficient always finds nothing to his liking. Think-Tank too might have committed a mistake and lost his position to Noodle. He was not fit to be the master of sane lot like Noodle. It's expected of a leader to be rational but Think-Tank was not a leader who made decisions by carefully weighing up the facts. He always needed Noodle's advice, though he possessed the top chair.

Think-Tank was such a moron that once the Martians were attacked by the earthlings and the inefficient leader could not anticipate the impending danger that caused mass destruction of lives and property. It was then clear to everyone that Think-Tank was not a good leader. He simply counted the difficulties and troubles but was not equipped with practical decisions that could have avoided the catastrophe. He lacks the ability to overcome any adversity with persistence, intelligence, with adaptability.

8. Compare and contrast the characters of Great and Mighty Think-Tank and Noodles?
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Ans. Mighty Think-Tank was haughty and loved to be praised and highly respected. He did not have much knowledge, yet he acted scholarly. Throughout the text, we see how he steals thoughts and ideas from Noodles and makes them his own. At first, Mighty Think-Tank calls the book a sandwich and orders the crew of Probe One to eat them. When Noodles says he recalls the book to be some sort of communicative device, the ruler of Mars tells the crew to listen intently for information and read it. Then he plagiarises Noodle's idea of swallowing vitamins in order to decipher the code. Several times we see how Mighty Think-Tank discredits Noodle's words and calls them trifling. His name contradicts his nature. Noodles on the other hand was smart and knowledgeable. He was not gullible as Mighty Think-Tank but reasoned with logic. He was even respectful to Mighty Think-Tank.

QUESTIONS FOR PRACTICE

Extract-Based Questions

Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow.

1. **NOODLE:** Sir, sir, Great and Mighty Think-Tank. I beg your pardon, but an insignificant bit of data floated into my mind about those sandwiches.

THINK-TANK: It can't be worth much, but go ahead. Give us your trifling bit of data.

NOODLE: Well, sir, I have seen surveyor films of those sandwiches. I noticed that the Earthlings did not eat them. They used them as some sort of communication device.

THINK-TANK: (*haughtily*) Naturally. That was my next point. These are actually communication sandwiches. Think-Tank is never wrong. Who is never wrong?

ALL: (*saluting*) Great and Mighty Think-Tank is never wrong.

THINK-TANK: Therefore, I order you to listen to them.

(a) Why does Noodle try to intervene? (1)

(b) Captain Noodle says “an insignificant bit of data floated into my mind about those sandwiches”. What does ‘insignificant’ mean here? (1)

(i) Of little value

(ii) Of extraordinary importance

(iii) Something indispensable

(iv) None of these

(c) Which of the characteristics are apt about Think-Tank in the following context: (1)

“(Haughtily) Naturally. That was my next point. These are actually communication sandwiches. Think-Tank is never wrong. Who is never wrong?”

(1) Vacillating

(2) Flip-flopper

(3) Unswerving

(4) Fickle-minded

(5) Inexorable

(6) Implacable

(7) Resolute

(i) Options (1), (5) and (7)

(ii) Options (2), (4) and (7)

(iii) Options (3) and (7)

(iv) Options (1) and (6)

(d) According to Noodle, what were those sandwiches actually? (2)

2. **THINK-TANK:** What? Does somebody suggest the Mighty Think-Tank has made a mistake?

OMEGA: Oh, no, sir; no, sir. We'll keep listening.

NOODLE: Please excuse me, your Brilliance, but a cloudy piece of information is twirling around in my head.

THINK-TANK: Well, twirl it out, Noodle, and I will clarify it for you.

NOODLE: I seem to recall that the Earthlings did not listen to the sandwiches; they opened them and watched them.

THINK-TANK: Yes, that is quite correct, I will clarify that for you, Captain Omega. Those sandwiches are not for ear communication, they are for eye communication. Now, Captain Omega, take that large, colourful sandwich over there. It appears to be important. Tell me what you observe. (*Omega picks up a very large volume of Mother Goose, holding it so that the audience can see the title. Iota looks over her left shoulder, and Oop peers over her right shoulder.*)

(a) Pick out the CORRECT fact that Noodle observed about the sandwiches. (1)

(i) The crew was informed by Noodle that the sandwiches were actually books.

(ii) Noodle informs the crew that the sandwiches are eye communication devices.

(iii) Think-Tank contradicted with what Noodle spoke.

(iv) Captain Omega was instructed to pick up a large, colourful sandwich.

(b) What do you think about Think-Tank, after reading the given extract? (2)

(c) What is Mother Goose in the extract given above? (1)

(d) Choose the option that best describes the observation from the given quotes spoken by the characters. (1)

(1) Noodle: "It's never wrong to correct someone if required!"

(2) Oop: "I don't know what to do!!!"

(3) Iota: "Our boss is always right!"

(4) Omega: "Be a true subordinate and never utter a word!"

(i) Option (1)

(ii) Option (2)

(iii) Option (3)

(iv) Option (4)

Short Answer Questions

(40-50 words)

1. Do you think books are being replaced by the electronic world? Can we do away with books altogether?
2. If you were in place of Noodle, how would you have handled Think-Tank's mistakes?
3. What different guesses were made by the Martians about what books are?
4. How does Think-Tank describe the people on earth? Why does he command Noodle to contact the Space Probe?

Long Answer Questions

(100-120 words)

1. How did the three nursery rhymes frighten Think-Tank?
2. Who was Think-Tank? What did he mean? Who were his companions?
3. Noodle was the true Think-Tank. Comment.

