

**BOARD-PATTERN PRACTICE PAPER · CBSE CLASS 9**

# The Fun They Had (Beehive)

English · Chapter 1 · Matches current CBSE blueprint · Each question PYQ-sourced where indicated

DATE	TOTAL MARKS	DURATION	MARKING	TARGET
_____	<b>30</b>	<b>60 min</b>	<b>As per board</b>	<b>≥ 24/30</b>

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- All questions are compulsory.
- Section A: extract-based reference-to-context (reading the literature text). Section B: short-answer comprehension. Section C: long/value-based answers. Section D: grammar and vocabulary from the lesson.
- Answer short-answer questions in 30-40 words and long-answer questions in 100-120 words unless otherwise stated.
- Write in your own words wherever explanation is asked — copying lines from the extract will not be credited for the 'meaning' part.
- This is internal-assessment / annual-exam pattern; marks shown against each question.

**Section A — Reference-to-Context (extract-based, 6 marks)**
**6 MARKS · 14 MIN**

- Q1.** Read the extract and answer: 'They turned the pages, which were yellow and crinkly, and it was awfully funny to read words that stood still instead of moving the way they were supposed to.' (a) Who are 'they', and what are they reading? (b) Why did the words 'standing still' seem funny to them? (c) What does this reveal about the world they live in? [PYQ 2023 CBSE SQP] **[3 marks]**
- Q2.** Read the extract and answer: 'She was thinking about the old schools they had when her grandfather's grandfather was a little boy. All the kids from the whole neighbourhood came...' (a) Who is 'she'? (b) What is she imagining about the old schools? (c) What feeling does this passage create, and how does it connect to the story's title? [PYQ 2022 Annual exam pattern] **[3 marks]**

**Section B — Short-Answer Comprehension (2 marks each, 3 Qs)**
**6 MARKS · 12 MIN**

- Q3.** Why did Margie hate school, and what did she hope the County Inspector would do? (30-40 words) [PYQ 2022 Annual exam pattern] **[2 marks]**
- Q4.** What did the County Inspector actually do, and how did this affect Margie's hopes? (30-40 words) [PYQ 2023 CBSE SQP] **[2 marks]**
- Q5.** How was the old kind of school different from Margie and Tommy's schooling? Give any two differences. (30-40 words) [PYQ 2022 Annual exam pattern] **[2 marks]**

**Section C — Long / Value-Based Answer (1 Q)**
**6 MARKS · 18 MIN**

- Q6.** 'The Fun They Had' is set in the year 2157, yet the children long for the OLD kind of school. What does Asimov suggest about education and human connection? Support your answer with evidence from the text. (100-120 words) [PYQ 2023 CBSE SQP] **[6 marks]**

**Section D — Grammar & Vocabulary from the lesson + Poem (4 Qs)**
**12 MARKS · 16 MIN**

- Q7.** Give the meaning of any FOUR of these words from the lesson: (i) loftily (ii) nonchalantly (iii) scornful (iv) dispute (v) sorrowfully. [PYQ 2022 Vocabulary from lesson] **[4 marks]**
- Q8.** Fill in the blanks with the correct form (past habit / past tense) based on the story: (a) In the old days, children \_\_\_\_ (go) to a special building called a school. (b) Margie \_\_\_\_ (hate) her mechanical teacher. (c) Tommy \_\_\_\_ (find) a real book in the attic. (d) They \_\_\_\_ (use) to read from telebooks. [PYQ 2023 Grammar integrated] **[4 marks]**
- Q9.** In 'The Road Not Taken', identify the central metaphor and explain what the speaker realises about his choice. (40-50 words) [PYQ 2023 CBSE SQP] **[2 marks]**
- Q10.** Many readers take the last lines of 'The Road Not Taken' as a message to 'always be different'. Why is this reading too simple? (40-50 words) [PYQ 2022 Poem analysis] **[2 marks]**

