

The Book that Saved the Earth Previous Year Questions
(with model answers)

Q1. How did Apprentice Noodle act smartly by suggesting something about the book without offending Think-Tank? [CBSE 2024]

Ans. He acts smartly by suggesting that the book, initially misunderstood as a “sandwich” by Think-Tank, might be a communication device-specifically, a “corn communicator” due to its resemblance to corn, which they speculate could be Earth’s primary form of communication. This suggestion cleverly shifts Think-Tank’s perception of the book without directly contradicting or offending him, preserving his ego.

Q2. A well-known book of nursery rhymes saved the world from a Martian invasion. Comment with reference to ‘The Book that Saved the Earth’. [CBSE 2024]

Ans. In “The Book that Saved the Earth,” a book of nursery rhymes prevented Martians from invading Earth. The Martians misunderstood the book’s rhymes as Earth’s military secrets. This misunderstanding led them to fear Earth’s capabilities, causing them to abandon their invasion plans. So, a simple book saved the world by preventing interplanetary conflict.

Q3. Compare and contrast the characters of Great and Mighty Think Tank and Noodles. [CBSE 2020]

Ans. Mighty Think-Tank was haughty and loved being praised and 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.

Q4. How did the people on the earth help the Martian people? How did this effort help the people on both the planets? [CBSE 2020]

Ans. The people on earth taught the Martians how to read. They taught them the difference between a sandwich and a book. They helped them set up a model library. It helped people on both the planets as they became friends and did not consider invasion as an option. The people of the earth taught the Martians the value of peaceful coexistence and that it is fundamental to the survival of every race. Peaceful coexistence leads to development and fruitful life.

Q5. What is Think-Tank proud of? How do you know? [CBSE 2019]

Ans. Think-Tank is of the opinion that he is the most powerful and intelligent creature in the whole universe. He thinks himself to be the ruler of Mars and commands the Mars space control. He considers books as communication sandwiches because he is from the planet Mars. He is superior in his intelligence and authority so he wants to be appreciated. He boasts of his intelligence and power but decides to evacuate his planet and escape as soon as he gets to know that

people from Earth had planned to take control of Mars. He smacks his mirror as it delays in praising him.

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