

Class 4  
English Literature  
RUNNING AWAY

Understanding the Text ( Answers).

- A. 1. c  
2. a  
3. b  
4. a  
5. c  
6. b

B. 1. a. The narrator was thinking about the blood red glow on the horizon and the black clouds in the sky. The glow grew brighter the closer he drew to Maybury

b. The Martians had set most of the countryside in Maybury on fire with their Heat Ray. The red glow was that of the fire.

2. a. The narrator had fallen into a shallow pool of water near the woods on the way to Maybury.

b. The bush hid him from the Martian who was moving in his direction. As the Martian did not notice him, it passed by and walked slowly uphill. He would surely have been killed otherwise

3. a. The narrator fell down over the remains of his neighbourhood shop. The Martians had burned it down.

b. He realised that the Martians had entered and attacked his neighbourhood. This meant that the Martians had certainly defeated the army.

4. a, The Martians looked like gigantic tripods. As they looked so different from human beings, the narrator wondered whether the Martians were actually just machines which could think on their own and take smart decisions.

b. No, the narrator did not find out whether the Martians were intelligent machines or not.

5. a. The speaker wanted to know what had happened when the army went to communicate with the Martians

b. The soldier told the narrator that the Martians had flashed the green light and killed everyone. He himself had lain still and waited for the Martians to leave. Then, he got up and ran away.