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Write answers for following questions

1. The only letter Jagan rigorously suppressed was the one in which Mali had written after three years' experience in America, "I've taken to eating beef, and I don't think I am any the worse for it. Steak is something quite tasty and juicy. Now I want to suggest, why don't you people start eating beef? It'll solve the problem of useless cattle in our country and we won't have to beg for food from America. I sometimes feel ashamed when India asks for American aid. Instead of that, why not slaughter useless cows which wander in the streets and block the traffic?" Jagan felt outraged. The Shastras defined the five deadly sins and the killing of a cow headed the list.

- i) Where is Mali at the moment? (02 marks)
- ii) What is this event? (02 marks)
- iii) Write the contextual meanings of the given words or phrases in the passage.
 - a. rigorously suppressed -
 - b. outraged - (02 marks)

iv) What is your opinion about Mali?

The 'only' letter Jagan 'suppressed' was this particular one. How would he have treated Mali's other letters? (04 marks)

2. Mali is a product of Jagan's wrong parenting. Do you agree? Discuss referring to the novel "The Vendor of Sweets".

3. Discuss Jagan's character 'The Vendor of Sweets' under the theme of "Traditionality". Is he really loyal to the Indianness? Bring out your answer giving examples from the novel.