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Grade :- 11

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Write answers for the following questions.

1. The novel “The Vendor of Sweets “is a story of tradition Vs modernity.

Elucidate your answer.

2. Discuss the dual nature of Jagan’s personal character taking examples from the novel “The Vendor of Sweets”.

3. ‘Oh, how stupid am I? Yes, of course, “writer”, I know. I’ve become illiterate, I think, ‘he cried happily. It was a great relief that the son was not attempting to be the other sort.

‘What else did you think?’ the cousin asked, and added, ‘I have heard that writers earn a lot of money nowadays. They become famous.’,

‘What does he want to write?’

‘I don’t know. Poetry, perhaps, easiest to start with, or stories. What else do people write?’ said the cousin, not wanting to flounder in unknown seas. ‘Actually, it was difficult to get even that out of him. I met him at his school...’

i)Who are the speakers? What are they talking about?

ii)What made Jagan happy when he finally understood the correct meaning of the word ‘writer’?

iii)Write the contextual meanings of the given words or phrases.

a) Illiterate – .....

b) To flounder in unknown seas - .....

iv)What can you say about Jagan’s attitude towards his son’s education and future?

What do you think of the mind set of the cousin?