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# **Revision on the Novels - First Chapters**

# **01.** Section B Questions.

## **Bringing Tony Home.**

"I ran with the harsh midday sun burning all around me, past the Ambagashatara Junction, past Munchi Akka's boutique and never once looking back, and by the time I reached the spot where they were putting up the giant wheel overlooking the railway station I felt my chest was going to explode- the crowd at the giant wheel site in the morning was gone and only a few people remained and they were resting on the ground taking a midday break, and the eats were new fixed on the wheel and it stood against the blinding glare of high noon turning lowly in the wind."

- 1. What is the situation depicted here in this paragraph?
- 2. What time of the year is it? What is its significance to the area?
- 3. Write the meaning of the given words.
  - a. harsh b. glare
- 4. What does this reveal about the speaker?
- 5. What is the salient technique used in the extract?

#### The Prince and the Pauper

"And now and then his mind reverted to his treatment by those rule Christ's Hospital boys, and he said, 'when I am king, they shall not have bread and shelter only, but also teaching out of books; for a full belly I little worth where the mind is starved, and the heart. I will keep this diligently in my remembrance that this day's lesson be not lost upon me, and my people suffer thereby; for learning softeneth the heart gentleness and charity. The lights began to twinkle, it came on to rain, the wind rose, and a raw and gusty night set in. the homeless heir to the throne of England still moved on, drifting deeper into the maze of squalid alley."

- 1. What is the situation described? Where is the homeless heir going to?
- 2. What sort of treatment has the boy received from Christ's Hospital boys?
- 3. Explain the following in your own words.
  - a. Keep this diligently
  - b. Maze of squalid alleys
- 4. What themes of the fiction are revealed through this passage?

### The Vendor of Sweets

The only letter Jagan rigorously suppressed was the one in which Mali had written after three years of experience of America. I've taken to eating beef, and I don't think I'm 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 beg for food from America. Sometimes feel ashamed when India asks American aid. Instead if 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.

1. What is the situation described in the passage?

- 2. As described in the extract why is Jagan worried?
- 3. Write the meaning.
  - a. slaughter
  - b. outraged
- 4. What themes are reflected through this passage?