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## The Vendor of Sweets by R.K.Narayan (Chapter 6-9)

01) Read the chapter six of the novel, The Vendor of Sweets and answer the following questions

- I. What is the conflict developed in this chapter?
- II. How had the word ‘scheme’ setup an agitation in Jagan’s mind?
- III. Who wanted to manufacture story – writing machines?
- IV. What did they soon abandon? And what did they purchase?
- V. What was the silent tension between them?
- VI. In the study of chapter six, how is further light thrown on both characters; Grace and Mali?

02) Find the suitable quotations to the following facts in the chapter seven.

- I. Jagan felt flattered and gratified, he kept them in the dark of his real purpose.
- II. He dramatically reduces the price of his sweets, he had a roaring sale.

03) Read the chapter eight, and explain the role of bearded man in Jagan's life and possible retreat for Jagan's hints at his troubles and desire to escape from them?

04) Read the following extract and answer the questions given.

“This is not just an ordinary machine, said the cousin, At this moment Jagan let out his periodic shout: 'Captain! Why is there a crowd? But the cousin continued in a tone of authority, 'Now listen carefully, this story-writing machine, as you might have guessed, is a story writing machine? 'How does it do that' asked Jagan, genuinely surprised. 'Don't ask me' said the cousin. I am not an engineer. Mali constantly uses the word, “electronic” or “electric” or something like that, and explained it at length”.

- I. Where does this conversation take place?
- II. What is the conversation about?
- III. Write the contextual meanings of the given words or phrases in the passage.
  - a) constantly-
  - b) periodic shout-
- IV. Do Jagan and his son have a close relationship? Pick out two lines which indicate their relationship?

