The Cabuliwalla

Summary:
The cabuliwallah is from Kabul. His real name is Abdur Rahman. He works as a peddler in India. He goes to Kabul once a year to visit his wife and little daughter. In the course of selling goods, once he reaches to the house of writer, Rabindranath Tagore. Then his five years daughter, Mini calls him ‘Cabuliwallah! A Cabuliwallah’. When Cabuliwallah goes to visit Mini she is afraid because he is wearing loose solid clothes and a tall turban. He looks gigantic. When the writer knows that Mini is afraid, he introduces her with him. The Cabuliwallah gives her some nuts and raisins. Mini becomes happy from next day, the Cabuliwallah often visits her and he gives her something to eat. They crack jokes and laugh and enjoy. They also feel comfortable in the company each other. The writer likes their friendship. But Mini’s mother doesn’t like it. She thinks that the peddler like Cabuliwallah can be child lifter. However, Mini and the Cabuliwallah becomes intimate friend.

The Cabuliwallah sells seasonal goods. Once he sells a Rampuri shawl to a customer on credit. He asks him for the money many times but he doesn’t pay. At last he denies buying the shawl. The Cabuliwallah becomes very angry and stabs the customer. Then he is arrested by police and taken him to the jail. He is jailed for eight years. When he is freed from jail at first he goes to visit Mini surprisingly. It is the wedding day and he isn’t allowed to visit her. When he shows the finger of a piece of paper to the writer, he permits to meet Mini who is in wedding dress. The writer knows that the Cabuliwallah has no money to go back to his house so the writer cuts of the wedding expenses like a light and bands and gives one hundred rupees to the Cabuliwallah and sends him to Kabul.
1. Who wrote Piano?
2. What is quatrain?
3. What is the rhythmic scheme of the poem 'Piano'?
4. What does 'Vista of years' mean?
5. Why was the parlour cosy?

Peter Pan
- Who wrote Peter Pan?
- Who was Mr. George Darling?
- Give one word which means 'shelter for dogs'
- What is the meaning of 'rakish'?
- Name the place where you would find zigzag roads with astonishing splashes of colour here and there, coral reefs, rakish-looking crafts in the offing.

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- Who wrote the story?
- Who is the narrator?
- Who is Mini?
- What was the name of the Cabuliwalla? To which country did he belong?
- Why was the Cabuliwalla imprisoned? For how many years was he imprisoned?