

ASSIGNMENT 1

(Reference to Context)

Read the following stanzas and answer the questions that follow:

1. *Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign
Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes
Like ours: the land our brothers walk upon
Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie.*

(i) The poet tells us that men are different from each other because they belong to different

(a) countries.

(b) states.

(c) cities.

(d) continents.

Ans. _____

- (ii) Which poetic device is used in the second and fourth line of the extract?
(a) simile (b) metaphor (c) alliteration (d) personification

Ans. _____

- (iii) The mood in the extract is of
(a) being one. (b) being jubilant. (c) togetherness. (d) separation.

Ans. _____

- (iv) The extract brings out the fact that
(a) all human beings are different.
(b) all human beings are different, but they are our brothers and sisters.
(c) all human beings are different from each other.
(d) all human beings possess a different attitude.

Ans. _____

- (v) The line '...we all shall lie' means that
(a) all human beings will lie on the same ground.
(b) all human beings will make homes on the same land.
(c) all human beings will walk on the same soil.
(d) all human beings will be buried in the soil.

Ans. _____

2. *They, too, aware of sun and air and water,
Are fed by peaceful harvests, by war's long winter starv'd.
Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read
A labour not different from our own.*

- (i) The poet uses the words 'sun, air and water' as a symbol of
(a) specific resources to obtain food for man.
(b) different resources of survival for man.
(c) similar resources of survival for man.
(d) similar natural surroundings.

Ans. _____

- (ii) The phrase 'peaceful harvests' has been used to refer to the:
(a) crops grown at the time when people worked together.
(b) crops grown at the time when peace prevailed in the society.
(c) crops destroyed at the time of war.
(d) crops grown at the time when there was starvation all around.

Ans. _____

- (iii) The line 'A labour not different from our own' indicates that
(a) all of us work hard.
(b) all of us do the same work.
(c) all of us work for the same purpose, i.e. survival.
(d) all of us work to stay active.

Ans. _____

(iv) Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are NOT TRUE according to the given extract.

1. Mother nature never discriminates against anyone.
2. People face only good times in life.
3. All the people work hard for survival.
4. People do not feed their neighbours in time of war.

(a) 2 and 4

(b) 2 and 3

(c) 1 and 3

(d) 1 and 4

Ans. _____

(v) The word 'labour' DOES NOT have a meaning similar to

(a) rest.

(b) hard work.

(c) effort.

(d) toiling.

Ans. _____

3. *It is the human earth that we defile.*

Our hells of fire and dust outrage the innocence

Of air that is everywhere our own,

Remember, no men are foreign, and no countries strange.

(i) Pick the option with a cause-effect relation with reference to the given extract.

(a) fire—damage innocence

(b) our hells of fire—outrage the innocence

(c) war in the air—infuriated public

(d) human deeds—blame the innocent

Ans. _____

(ii) The second line of the extract is an example of

(a) simile.

(b) metaphor.

(c) alliteration.

(d) personification.

Ans. _____

(iii) The main idea of this extract is

(a) hatred cleanses the air we live in.

(b) love pollutes our life.

(c) hatred pollutes the house we live in.

(d) hatred pollutes the air we live in.

Ans. _____

(iv) Who is the poet of the poem from which these stanzas have been taken?

(a) Walt Whitman

(b) William Wordsworth

(c) James Kirkup

(d) Leslie Norris

Ans. _____

(v) The word "defile" DOES NOT have a meaning similar to

(a) purify.

(b) pollute.

(c) spoil.

(d) contaminate.

Ans. _____