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Founder, MISSION GYAN**Poem-6 | No Men Are Foreign****Worksheet-1****Multiple Choice Questions**

1. **What does defile mean? (No Men Are Foreign)**  
(a) Destroy (b) Damage  
(c) Both damage and destroy (d) Build
2. **How can strength be won? (No Men Are Foreign)**  
(a) By love (b) By war  
(c) By hatred (d) By the strength
3. **Which of the following things is known by the people living in foreign countries?**  
(a) Boundaries (b) Rotation of earth  
(c) Sun, air and water (d) Other people
4. **What should be discouraged according to the poem? (No Men Are Foreign)**  
(a) The ill practice of hatred and discrimination  
(b) Social discrimination  
(c) The practice of love and brotherhood  
(d) Equality
5. **Who instigates ordinary people to hate? (No Men Are Foreign)**  
(a) Religion (b) Selfish people for their personal interests  
(c) God (d) Culture
6. **What is the central idea behind the poem, No men are foreign?**  
(a) There are a lot of countries (b) All men are equal  
(c) Earth gives us sun, air and water (d) We are destroying the earth
7. **Which of the following option is the most similar to the term dispossess?**  
(a) Disgrace (b) Assertion  
(c) Deprive (d) Proposes
8. **What are we doing to the human earth? (No Men Are Foreign)**  
(a) Defiling (b) Saving  
(c) Decorating (d) Sustaining

9. **How do we pollute the earth according to the poet? (No Men Are Foreign)**

- (a) By hating and killing others
- (b) All of these
- (c) By throwing waste
- (d) By cutting plants

10. **What things are common in all people? (No Men Are Foreign)**

- (a) All breathe and eat to live and die in the same way.
- (b) All sleep to take rest
- (c) All are born and brought up in same way
- (d) All of these

### Fill in the blanks :

- 11. The poet of the poem "No Men Are Foreign" is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 12. According to the poet, no men are foreign and no \_\_\_\_\_.

### True / False

- 13. The poet says men in other countries are different from us.
- 14. The uniforms of soldiers may differ, but their bodies are the same.

### Very Short Type Questions

- 15. "No Men are Foreign" is an anti-war poem. Comment.
- 16. In four stanzas out of five, the poet uses the word "Remember". Why do you think he has repeated this word so many times?

### Short Type Questions

- 17. How does the Earth unite us? Write your answer in the context of No Men Are Foreign.
- 18. "Beneath all uniforms" What uniforms do you think the poet is speaking about?

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## Essay Type Questions

19. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. 4x1 = 4 marks
- 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.
- a. What breathes beneath all uniforms?  
b. What does the poet want to say?  
c. What lesson can we learn from these lines?  
d. Find the word from the stanza, opposite in meaning to rise.
20. How, according to the poet, the human earth is defiled and the innocence of air outraged?  
Write your answer in the context of the poem No Men Are Foreign.

## HOTS

21. **Assertion (A)** : Harvests are described as "peaceful" in the poem.  
**Reason (R)** : Harvests bring abundance and prosperity, and they thrive only in peaceful times.
- (a) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.  
(b) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.  
(c) A is true, but R is false.  
(d) A is false, but R is true.

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## Worksheet-1

## Answer &amp; Solution

1. (c) Both damage and destroy

2. (a) By love

3. (c)

The poet says that people who are living in foreign countries also know about the sun, air and the water like us.

4. (a) The ill practice of hatred and discrimination

5. (b) Selfish people for their personal interests.

6. (b) The central idea of the poem is that there is no difference among people and all men are equal.

7. (c)

Dispossess means, to deprive of land, property and other possessions.

8. (a) Defiling

9. (a) By hating and killing others

10. (d) All of these

11. James Kirkup

12. countries are strange

13. False

14. True

15. "No Men Are Foreign" is a peace poem which propagates the idea of human brotherhood and peaceful co-existence by annihilating all wars and hatred. Man pollutes the earth by causing death and destruction and by spreading hatred and enmity through wars. War harms both the suppressed and the suppressor. It brings about death, destruction, starvation and pollution. Hence, wars should be stopped forever.

16. By repeating the word 'remember', the poet wishes us to never forget that our ideas, emotions and experiences are similar to those of the people we conventionally think of as 'strange' or 'foreign'. He wants to emphasise that all human beings are identical in nature and the phases of human life are the same anywhere in the world.

17. The earth unites us in many beautiful ways. We eat and drink the things that grow on the Earth. It is Earth we walk and play on and after our lives come to an end, we all lie hidden inside it according to our destiny. While we are alive, we walk on the same Earth and upon our death, we will lie in our graves in the same earth.

**18.** The poet is speaking about the dresses or uniforms that armies of different countries wear. Though these uniforms are absolutely different in appearance the bodies under them are the same. The poet tries to convey that all human beings are the same.

- 19.** a. A single body breathes beneath all uniforms.  
b. The poet wants to say that all people are the same.  
c. These lines teach us the lesson of peace, universal brotherhood and harmony. We learn that since all people in the world are like our brothers and sisters, there are no enemies or strangers to be afraid of.  
d. 'Lie' is the antonym of 'rise' in this context.

**20.** War weapons contaminate the environment and destroy the atmosphere. The lethal ammunition renders the ground barren and kills its fertility. Destructive flames ignited by explosives spread ashes everywhere.

This contaminates not just the air and water, but also the soil. It causes countless illnesses and hunger to spread. Both earth and air lose their purity. Thus, the victor, as well as the vanquished, find the earth and its environment hostile and unfriendly. The kind Mother Nature becomes absolutely helpless and is unable to shower her gifts on human beings. It is tarnished and robbed of its bounties. The innocence of air, signified by its purity, is striped, away by war and fill it with smoke and dirt. The air then becomes unsuitable for human survival. Thus 'human earth' is 'defiled' and 'innocence of air is 'outraged' by wars..

**21. (a)**

Harvests are "peaceful" because they are directly linked to abundance and prosperity, which can only truly flourish in peaceful conditions. The text makes this cause-and-effect relationship explicit.

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