

NO MEN ARE FOREIGN

Class: IX

Work sheet

1. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow.

A) 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 does the word 'uniform' mean?
- b) What breathes beneath all uniforms?
- c) Who are referred to as brothers?

B) 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.

- a) Whom does 'they' refer to?
- b) What is the significance of the word "too"?
- c) What does the poet mean by 'peaceful harvests'?
- d) What are the common elements in the universe that are shared by all?
- e) Explain "Their hands are ours." What can we see in their hands?

2. Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words.

a) The poem 'No Men Are Foreign' has a greater relevance in today's world.
Elucidate.

- b) What is the central idea of the poem 'No Men Are Foreign'?
- c) How do we defile and outrage the human earth that is ours?
- d) 'Patriotism does not mean hating the people of other counties.' Do you agree? Explain
- e) "It is ourselves that we shall dispossess, betray, condemn." What does the poet convey?
