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*Salam Rushdie*

*Shame (1983)*

**READ the extract and find out:**

1. who the speaker is;
2. what theory he has;
3. what he compares gravity to;
4. what he thinks of roots;
5. the two ways of looking for freedom;
6. the supposition he makes;
7. its consequences;
8. what it would be necessary to devise;
9. the connection between gravity and roots;
10. the best and worst things about migrants people;
11. The speaker is Salam Rushdie
12. His theory consist on consider the migrants as people that engender resentments, and this has something to do with our conquest of the force of gravity;
13. He compares the gravity with belonging;
14. Roots are conservative myth, designed to keep us in our places;
15. Fly and flee were the two ways of seeking freedom;
16. Saying that anti-belonging is not accepted by modern science he asked to the reader to suppose if ICI od Ciba-Geigy or Pfizer of Roche or NASA came up with an anti-gravity pill.
17. If the suppositions were truth, the inevitable consequences was that the world’s airlines would go broke overnight.
18. He said that was necessary to devise special water proof flying garments.
19. The pill was the connector, because as Hamid said, it would make migrants of us all
20. He said that the best think to be migrant is hopefulness although the worst was the emptiness of the language.

**DESCRIBE What double conditions does the speaker experience?**

In my opinion the double conditions that the speaker experience are the migrants’ one and the citizen’s one.

In the first part of the extract, indeed, the narrator reveal to the reader that he “Know something of this immigration business”. He know because he is an emigrant, as he specify from India, Bombay. So he analyzed this condition also under his personal point of view, telling his theory about the resentments that the migrants engender, or, as he did at the end of the extract, saying what are the positive and the negative aspects on being migrants.

On the other hand he is or was, (I used both because I don’t know if he is still alive), a newcomer, a new British and/ or Pakistan citizen. Living inside this differences society ease the narrator to comparte the different conditions of the migrant, that emigrate from another country, and the local population.

**FIND The metaphor upon which the whole text is built.**

In my opinion the metaphor upon which all the text is built is: Human seen as a tree as well as migrant was seen as a tree without roots.

**EXPLAIN the connection between gravity and belonging**

In the text he underlines that both exist. So both are something that human can’t contradict. For example a famous philosopher said “posso dubitare di tutto tranne del fatto che esisto”. On the other hand, the gravity is a scientific date. He supported his theory said that his “feet stay on the ground” and that he never get angrier after his father sold the house. But neither is understood. in deed he said , we known the force of gravity but not his origins, on the other hand we are attached to our birthplace but we haven't got a read roots that connected us to pur house. This is the connection both exist but both are understood, if we try to find a link between the gravity force and us or us and our house we can’t.

**DISCUSS What words and concepts does the speaker play with in the third paragraph?**

The words and concepts that the speaker plays with are: Anti-mythos, flight, flee, freedom, gravity, belonging, pills, scientific concepts and nouns (ICI, prevailing windspeed etc…) and migrants.

**DISCUSS Do you think that the narrator is in favor of or against migration?**

In my opinion the narrator is both in favor that against the migration. In the narrators mind be migrants take them thinking more incessantly at their home, their roots, their situations, it is an experience that take the migrant reflect on their condition. But, in my opinion, he indirectly illustrated the migrants’ life as a complicated life. In deed the migrants are obliged to travel, to find a new place to life safeness, but also they are obliged to left their home, their affects.

**DECIDED some rules to follow to become a responsible tourist or traveller.**

* **Not bring too luggage, it might be stolen**
* Pay always attention to owns items, in particular at wallet etc…
* Don’t bring valuable items
* Don’t bring much clothes
* Bring always medicinal
* Put valuable items in a safety place

**WRITE Read this short extract and write 10-12 lines in which you explain Chatwin’s thesis about traveling.**

One of the first thesis expressed by Chatwin in the extract is that “All our activities are linked to the idea of journey”. A journey is an act of traveling from one place to another, especially when they are far apart. So the narrator connect the human activities with a long time, a long travel, that could be a voyage or ti could be the life. He going on compare brains with a short of gps, that known where to go. At the end of the extract he criticism the modern way to travel, that is connected, most of the times, with economy factors.