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**EX. 1 PAG. 177**

1. The speaker is an Indian immigrant
2. His theory is that the resentment migrants engender is connected with the force of gravity
3. Salman compares gravity to trees
4. He thinks roots are a conservative myth made up to keep people in their place
5. The two ways of looking for freedom are: to fly and to flee.
6. He supposes pharmaceutical industries came up with an anti-gravity pill
7. Airline companies would go broke
8. It would be necessary to devise special water-proof flying garments
9. The connection between gravity and roots is that anti-gravity pills would make migrants us all
10. The best thing about migrants is their hopefulness, instead, their worst thing is the emptiness of their luggage: meaning-drained mementoes

**EX. 2 PAG. 178**

The speaker experiences the double condition of an emigrant and a newcomer. Indeed, he emigrated from India and moved to England and Pakistan.

**EX. 3 PAG. 178**

The whole text is built upon the metaphor between gravity and belonging. If gravity would not exist we would all be migrants.

**EX. 4 PAG. 178**

Both gravity and belonging aren’t understood phenomena, since we don’t know their origin. However, while anti-gravity is easy to comprehend and accepted, anti-belonging is not, even though an anti-gravity pill would make us all migrants.

**EX. 5 PAG. 178**

In the third paragraph the speaker plays with the concepts of anti-myths of belonging and gravity imagining an anti-gravity pill that will allow people to fly around the world.

**EX. 7 PAG. 178**

In my opinion, the narrator is in favor of migration, indeed he thinks humans don’t have roots and that if we could fly we wouldn’t stay in one place.