Ex 1 pag 177

The speaker is an Indian immigrant.

His theory is that the resentment migrants engender is connected with the force of gravity.

He compares gravity with belonging.

He thinks roots are a conservative myth made up to keep people in their place.

You can look for freedom flying or fleeing.

He supposes pharmaceutical industries came up with an anti-gravity pill.

He thinks it would make world’s airlines go broke.

It would be necessary to devise special water-proof flying garments.

The connection between gravity and roots is that anti-gravity pills would make migrants us all.

The best thing about migrants is their hopefulness and their worst thing is the emptiness of their luggage.

Ex 2 pag 178

The speaker experiences the double condition of an emigrant and a newcomer.

Ex 3 pag 178

The whole text is built upon the metaphor between gravity and belonging.

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 words as fly and flee and with concepts as gravity and belonging.

Ex 6 pag 178

This description creates a humorous effect with the use of satire, irony and precision.

Ex 7 pag 178

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