
Analysis of Answers for GP Paper 2 Comprehension Exercise #13 (Immigration)

1. *Dickens observed that it would be challenging for states to be sustained without immigrants who take up jobs involving menial labour, **thus highlighting** the important role that immigrants play in the building of societies.*

**Useful points to take note of:*

2. *The phrase tells us that politicians are competing with one other to join in the call to keep immigrants out of the country.*

**Useful points to take note of:*

3. *This is because immigrants have a greater likelihood to set up new businesses **which in turn** enables their host countries to progress more rapidly.*

**Useful points to take note of:*

4. ***Just as** suicide occurs when a person ends his own life, **similarly**, by imposing limitations on immigration, the writer believes that America is causing its own economic downfall.*

**Useful points to take note of:*

5. *The writer is implying that it is too late to worry about the dilution of British identity **as** a pure British identity has already been lost a long time ago **and that** foreigners are now an ingrained part of British culture.*

**Useful points to take note of:*

6. Firstly, immigrants have contributed much to the economy and wealth of the nation. **Next**, they have also brought sporting glory to the country. **In addition**, they have introduced novel elements to British food culture. **Moreover**, a number of immigrants have helmed major corporations and companies in Britain. **Furthermore**, they have brought about changes to the moral standards of right and wrong held by British society. **Finally**, immigrants introduced new consumer trends and changed the way people spend their money.

**Useful points to take note of:*

7. The paradox is that **on one hand**, immigrants are accused of not assimilating into their new country, **yet at the same time**, government spending is being cut on English lessons for them, **which are the very means** for them to fit into their new society.

**Useful points to take note of:*

8. This is because there are other reasons which include the brewing dissatisfaction over the massive influx of immigrants not seen before over the years, **and** the unhappiness over politicians' indifference in addressing the citizens' concerns concerning this trend.

**Useful points to take note of:*

9. Summary Question (ANSWERS)

#	Points from the Passage	Paraphrased Points
1	It is a basic human instinct to be wary of strangers and outsiders (l.11)	it is natural / innate to be suspicious of those who do not belong / people we do not know / not familiar with.
2	tribal and ethnic instincts have abated but they have not disappeared completely (l.12–13)	They want to safeguard their cultural identity / their suspicions still remain
3	anxiety about sharing economic space (l.13)	worry about competing with immigrants for jobs / employment
4	Many still do not like the macro changes to their city or country (l.14–15)	They are uncomfortable with the big / expansive alterations / transformations that are happening
5	worry that too many newcomers fail to integrate (l.15) or anxieties about integration (l.32)	and are afraid / concerned that immigrants will not assimilate / co-exist / blend in well

6	the belief that citizens should be first in the queue remains as strong as ever (I.16–17)	They are convinced / convicted that citizens should be given priority / privileges
7	if you live in some of the most run-down parts of Britain (I.19–20)	Those who are destitute/ financially less well-off/ wealthy / affluent
8	more sensitive to competition with outsiders (I.21–22)	are more affected by the fight with immigrants for/ more vulnerable to the struggle/ tussle with immigrants for
9	anxiety about sharing... public services with outsiders (I.13–14)... for school places, hospital beds or housing (I.22)	public amenities / social services
10	people doing blue-collar jobs (I.23)	low-skilled workers / workers doing manual work / labour
11	feel even more like a replaceable cog (I.23–24)	see / view / perceive themselves as dispensable / not being valued
12	They... see a political class casting aside the common-sense principle of fellow-citizen favouritism (I.26–27)	They perceive that the government does not believe in prioritizing citizens first / giving privileges to locals
13	Areas of low immigration are... depressed former industrial areas or seaside towns (I.27–28)	In places where there is economic stagnation / decline
14	where ... the national story has passed them by (I.28–29)	people feel that they have been forgotten/ sidelined/ forsaken/ abandoned
15	priorities that no longer seem to include them (I.30–31)	as they are not featured / feel excluded from
16	...changing priorities of the country and its governing class (I.30)	the government's evolving / new plans / goals/ objectives / agenda
17	growing separation... between white British and some minority groups (I.33–34)	there is a widening / increasing divide between locals and immigrants
18	... in neighbourhoods (I.33)	in communities / residential areas
19	and schools (I.33)	as well as in educational institutions / among students
20	people from poorer countries have no desire to integrate (I.35–36)	People from developing / impoverished countries show little interest in assimilating
21	because they are here for a short period (I.36)	as they stay long enough only / as they stay for a while
22	to earn money (I.36–37)	to make a living / salary / wage

Sample Summary Answer

*The British may not support migration because [it is natural to be suspicious of people we do not know]¹. [**Concerned that** migrants will not be able to assimilate well]⁵, [they want to safeguard their cultural identity]². **Moreover**, they [worry about competing with migrants for jobs]³ **and** [are convinced that citizens should be given privileges]⁶. [Low-skilled workers]¹⁰ and [the destitute]⁷ are **also** [more affected by the struggle with migrants]⁸ for [social services]⁹. **Additionally**, [in places of economic stagnation]¹³, [people feel they have been sidelined]¹⁴ as they [are not featured]¹⁵ in [the government's evolving plans]¹⁶, **while witnessing** [a widening divide between locals and immigrants]¹⁷ [in residential areas]¹⁸ **and** [educational institutions]¹⁹. **Lastly**, [migrants are perceived to be only interested in staying for a while]²¹ to [make a living]²² before leaving.*

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