

**ASSIGNMENT NO. 18**  
**TOPIC: BORDER GUARDS**

I. Reference to context:

**1. *'Enmeshed with warlords gory threat and counterthreats.'***

- a. Explain 'enmeshed with warlords gory.'
- b. What 'threat' and 'counter threats' is the poet referring to?

**2." Whimpers my counterpart over a letter from home."**

- a. Who is the speaker?
- b. What does 'whimper' mean?
- c. Why does the speaker whimper over a letter?

**2. *'That will not let me caress the anguished face of the other man.'***

- a. Whose anguished face is being referred to in the above lines?
- b. Why does the poet want to caress the other man's face?

**3. *'But my soul's brother in loneliness.'***

- a. Who is the poet's 'soul brother.'?
- b. Why do you think the poet feels lonely?

II. Do you think the 'border guard' in the poem supported war?

III. What is the tone of the poem? What sort of response does it elicit from the reader?

IV. What message does the poet wish to convey in this poem?