THE TEXT

- 1/ India has the world's second largest diaspora after China, with more than 25 million people settling overseas since colonial times, from Guyana in South America to Singapore in East Asia. But today's resurgent India is a magnet for talent with a promise of prosperity. Even though the country's GDP is barely 2 per cent of the world's, it has nearly 7 per cent of the world's more than 1,000 dollar billionaires. A tenfold increase in per capita income by the year 2039 from the current level of more than \$1,000 is forecast if its economy continues to expand at the current annual pace of about 8 per cent.
- **2/** After 11 years in Hong Kong and London working with global consultancies such as McKinsey & Company, Gaurav Jain was the least likely candidate to return home. Armed with degrees from the top-flight Indian Institute of Technology and the Indian Institute of Management, he was part of a "brain-drain generation" that migrated overseas in droves to tap opportunities in hot spots of global finance. But in 2008, he decided to go against the tide.
- **3/** With his wife and children, he returned to India and settled in Gurgaon, the fastest-developing city in northern India, where roads are cratered with potholes, power cuts are frequent and setting up a business can seem as hard as launching a lunar mission. But he had returned to a new India, which despite all its ills, is fast emerging as a promised land for entrepreneurs. "In India, there is opportunity everywhere," Mr. Jain, 42, who is the managing director of Aamod resorts, a chain of boutique hotels and townships, told The Economic Times newspaper last month as part of its new survey on brain drain. "Building a resort? I couldn't have done **that** in the UK."
- **4/** Many Indian-born executives such as Mr. Jain are returning home, trading **their** dream of conquering Wall Street or Silicon Valley for working in Gurgaon or Mumbai. 82 per cent of non-resident Indians (NRIs) and people of Indian origin living elsewhere were willing to move to India if suitable opportunities came their way. The trend is part of a "brain gain" phenomenon that is accelerating as India's economy expands rapidly, salaries grow annually, and there are abundant opportunities to make an impact faster than in Western economies still reeling from the global downturn and EU debt crisis.
- **5/** Experts say that given the poor job market in the West, it is the new opportunities spawned by India's dynamic economy that are luring people back. Analysts say India has been less affected by the global crisis because the economy is less dependent on exports. Compared with Western economies, the recovery in India has been much faster. "Today, we, in India, are experiencing the benefits of the reverse flow of income, investment and expertise from the global Indian diaspora," said the prime minister. **"We are drawing on the global brain bank of people of Indian origin worldwide."**
- **6/ V**ivek Wadhwa, a senior research associate at Harvard Law School, said last year that more than 100,000 Indians who had gone abroad in search of jobs would move back to India in the next half decade. He said a similar trend would be seen among Chinese executives who were graduates of US universities. The proportion of graduates of premier US business schools such as Wharton and Kellogg who are tapping jobs in Asia grew from 5 per cent four years ago to more than 10 per cent last year.





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I-READING COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS [12 marks]

1/ Tick the right alternative (1 mark)
The text is <u>mainly</u> about migrant Indian brains who
a- have been expelled by their host countries.
b- are taking advantage of a thriving tourist industry in India.
c- are benefiting from an overall economic revival in India.
2/ For each of the following statements, pick out one detail from the text showing that it is false. (3 marks)
a- Gaurav Jain had been expected to make it back to his homeland, India. (§2)
b- Gurgaon is considered as a favorable place for entrepreneurs to invest in . (§3)
c- India is the unique Asian country witnessing a flourishing reverse brain drain. (§6)
3/ Answer the following question with reference to the text (1 mark) Why hasn't the world economic crisis had a serious impact on India?
4/ Express the following sentence differently, focusing on the underlined part : (1mark) "We are drawing on the global brain bank of people of Indian origin worldwide." (§5)
5/ What do the words underlined in the text refer to? (2 marks) a- that (§ 3) refers to
6/ Find in text words that have almost the same meaning as the following (3 marks) a- predicted ($\S1$) =

7/ Give a personal, justified answer to the following question: (1mark)

If you were in the same position as Gaurav Jain, would you make the same decision? Why or why not?

II- LANGUAGE [6 marks]

1/ Supply the right tense / form of the bracketed words. (3 marks)

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2/ Fill in the blanks with 6 words from the list below. (3 marks)

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The mental health of the UK workers is in a grim state, according to a major new survey.
More than three quarters of the 20,000 workers aged 16 to 64 who took part said they
had symptoms of poor mental health. Nearly two thirds of
with mental health problems felt work was a factor. More than half of the
employees who disclosed their symptoms of poor mental health said their employers were not
on taking action. A minority of managers (22%) surveyed said that
they'd had training inand supporting employees who are struggling.
Most managers,, said they felt obliged to put the interests of their
organization above the wellbeing of team members. But that is obviously a false dichotomy. A
manager doesn't need to be a business guru to see that maintaining physical and mental
wellbeing in the is an essential requirement to growing a healthy and
sustainable business. What he / she needs is an environment where employees feel good about
themselves and do their best.

III-WRITING [12 marks]

1/ Use the notes in the table below to write a 4-line a paragraph about the <u>'Ultimate Cell'</u> device. (4 marks)

Manufacturer	Multiple Power (US)
Characteristics	Compatible with petrol and diesel engines
	Rechargeable
	• Affordable (300€)
Benefits	improve engine efficiency
	• Reduce fuel consumption (-30%)
	Reduce exhaust emissions
	⇒ Protect the environment

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/While browsing through online forums, you came across the following post. Read it nen write a 12-line reply. (8 marks)
I'm a university graduate. I've been sending application letters and, sometimes, going for job
interviews but in vain. Lately, however, I've received an interesting job offer from a food
company – a good position and a tempting salary. The problem is that it's in <u>a rural area</u> . I'm really in two minds; shall I take the plunge and accept the offer or shall I turn it down and wait
until I get one in my own town as I'm not used to country life? Please help.
Sarah, 29
Dear Sarah,