

→ **Attempt the activity given below in your Language Book.**

Read the **short** passage below and answer the questions that follow.

A New Commitment for Vaccine Equity and Defeating the Pandemic

The top agenda is how to end the COVID-19 pandemic and secure the global recovery. By now, it has become abundantly clear there will be no broad-based recovery without an end to the health crisis. Access to vaccination is key to both.

5 There has been **impressive** progress on the vaccination front. Scientists have come up with multiple vaccines in record time. Unprecedented public and private financing has supported vaccine research, development and manufacturing scale-up, but a dangerous gap between richer and poorer nations persists.

10 Increasingly, a two-track pandemic is developing, with richer countries having access and poorer ones being left behind. Inequitable vaccine distribution is not only leaving untold millions of people vulnerable to the virus. It is also allowing deadly variants to emerge and ricochet back across the world. As variants continue to spread, even countries with advanced vaccination programs have been forced to bring back stricter public health measures, and some have implemented travel restrictions. In turn, the ongoing pandemic is leading to deepening **divergence** in economic fortunes, with negative consequences for all.

15 It need not be this way. That is why there is a calling today for a new level of international support for and implementation of a stepped up coordinated **strategy**, backed by new financing, to vaccinate the world. At an estimated \$50 billion, it will bring the pandemic to an end faster in the developing world, reduce infections and loss of lives, accelerate the economic recovery, and generate some \$9 trillion in additional global output by 2025. **It is a**
 20 **win** for all. This is because 60 percent of the gains will go to emerging markets and developing economies and the remaining 40 percent will benefit the developed world. This is without taking into account the **inestimable** benefits on people's health and lives.

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Questions

- (a) Explain the importance of vaccination according to paragraph 1. (2mks)
- (b) List **one** benefit and one drawback of vaccine financing. (2mks)
- (c) List **two** effects of the variant as it spreads according to paragraph 3. (2mks)
- (d) Explain what is meant in paragraph 4 in the line: **It is a win for all.** (2mks)
- (e) From the list given on **the right hand side** below, write down the meaning closest to each given word on the left as used in the passage. (2mks)
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| (i) | impressive | (line 4) | - entertaining, notable, existing, exciting |
| (ii) | divergence | (line 14) | - disparity, overlap, simultaneously, directly |
| (iii) | strategy | (line 16) | - theory, knowledge, work, plan |
| (iv) | inestimable | (line 22) | - invisible, indifferent, infinite, inconsistent |

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