

PART-II

Q. 2. Write a précis of the following passage in about 120 words and also suggest a suitable title: (20)

It is in the temperate countries of northern Europe that the beneficial effects of cold are most manifest. A cold climate seems to stimulate energy by acting as an obstacle. In the face of an insuperable obstacle our energies are numbed by despair; the total absence of obstacles, on the other hand leaves no room for the exercise and training of energy; but a struggle against difficulties that we have a fair hope of over-coming, calls into active operation all our powers. In like manner, while intense cold numbs human energies, and a hot climate affords little motive for exertion, moderate cold seems to have a bracing effect on the human race. In a moderately cold climate man is engaged in an arduous, but no hopeless struggles and with the inclemency of the weather. He has to build strong houses and procure thick clothes to keep himself warm. To supply fuel for his fires, he must hew down trees and dig coal out of the earth. In the open air, unless he moves quickly, he will suffer pain from the biting wind. Finally, in order to replenish the expenditure of bodily tissue caused by his necessary exertions, he has to procure for himself plenty of nourishing food.

Quite different is the lot of man in the tropics. In the neighbourhood of the equator there is little need of clothes or fire, and it is possible with perfect comfort and no danger to health, to pass the livelong day stretched out on the bare ground beneath the shade of a tree. A very little fruit or vegetable food is required to sustain life under such circumstances, and that little can be obtained without much exertion from the bounteous earth.

We may recognize must the same difference between ourselves at different seasons of the year, as there is between human nature in the tropics and in temperate climes. In hot weather we are generally languid and inclined to take life easily; but when the cold season comes, we find that we are more inclined to vigorous exertion of our minds and bodies.

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Different Behavioural Patterns in Different Seasons :

Unlike Northern Europe where cold is desired, the same cold acts as an anti-catalyst in tropical. Mainly for its nature based on more energy consumption and less production while sabotaging the mood for training and exercise. The untiring efforts merely for sustainability; as man focuses on building shelter, finding means to produce heat because outside the cold is no less than a freezing hell. Ultimately his hunt for food restricts his existence to "roti kappra and makan" in that brutal cold. Hot climate feels like a blessing in such hours of fighting against nature. Neighbourhood of equator unlike tropics consume less and produce more because of weather. Our very own sustainability in summer versus in winter acts as a proof for the demarcation of behavioural pattern depending on the seasons. As cold requires more brain drain in comparison to summer season.

Approx words of passage = 365
word count of precis = 130