

Q. 2. Write a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title: (20)

Climate influences labour not only by enervating the labourer or by invigorating him, but also by the effect it produces on the regularity of his habits. Thus we find that no people living in a very northern latitude has ever possessed that steady and unflinching industry for which the inhabitants of temperate regions are remarkable. In the more northern countries, the severity of the weather, and at some seasons, the efficiency of light, render it impossible for the people to continue their usual out of door employment. The result is that the working classes, being compelled to cease from their ordinary pursuits, are rendered prone to desultory habits, the chain of their industry is, as it were, broken and they lose that impetus which long-continued and uninterrupted practices never fails to give. Hence there arises a national character more fitful and capricious than that possessed by a people whose climate permits the regular exercise of their ordinary industry. Indeed so powerful is this principle that we perceive its operations even under the most opposite circumstance. It would be difficult to conceive a greater difference in government, laws, religions, and manner, than that which distinguishes Sweden and Norway. On the one hand, from Spain, and Portugal on the other. But these four countries have one great point in common. In all of them, continued agricultural industry is impracticable. In the two southern countries, labour is interrupted by the dryness of the weather and by the consequent state of the soil. In the northern countries, the same effect is produced by the severity of the winter and the shortages of the days. The consequences are that these four nations, though so different in other respects, are all remarkable for a certain instability and fickleness of character.

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Impact of Climate on Nations' Productivity ^{use} and character ^{marker}

Climate greatly challenges the stability of industry in Northern latitudes by affecting the labour habits. Drastic weather conditions in these countries compel people to develop lethargic habits, unlike people of temperate region. This results in halted industrial growth. The whole nation, hence, develops lethargic character due to lack of activity in industrial sector. This principle is persistent even under normal conditions. Despite numerous differences, both Southern and Northern countries are affected by harsh climatic conditions leading to low productivity and instability of character.

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