Q.2: **Make a précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title.**

There were many obstacles to the development of commerce in the Middle Ages. Dangers by land and sea had to be considered by the merchant who wished to send his goods to some distant part; but as the towns grew and multiplied, the resolution and ingenuity of man rendered it possible for commerce to increase steadily, till by the dawn of the modern period every country in Western Europe had felt its beneficent influence. When we think of the poorness of communication, we vast forests, the inferior roads, the unbridged rivers, and the innumerable foes lining the trade routes, it would seem, at first sight, almost an impossibility for merchants in the north of Europe to have intercourse with those of the south. Then, again, the narrow spirit of the Middle Ages, the survival of feudalism, offered a difficulty which was almost as prohibitive to the transportation of merchandise as the robbers and pirates, noble and ignoble, who lay in wait for the trembling merchant. There was an elaborate system of dues and tolls which made most goods when they arrived safely at their destination a luxury beyond the means of the average man; and furthermore, it was the practice for governments in those days to prohibit and prevent passage through their countries. Yet in spite of all difficulties, the group of towns which were still developing in Northern and Southern Europe, and the manufacturing centres of the East and West, steadily increase their wealth and prosperity.

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The development process of commerce was faced many problems. But with the passage of time, commerce was being increased gradually. For the traders, it would be almost impossible to trade with any linking and communication between north and south of Europe. Another difficulty in commerce was feudalism which trembled merchants because of high dues and taxes on goods. But in the spite of all hurdles, the development of commerce was being increasing slowly in the world.

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