

Question no 2:

Write a precis of the following passage in about 120 words and also suggest a suitable title:

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 numbered 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 neighborhood 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.

Title: The Impact of Climate on Human Nature

It is observed that the extremism of climate highly influences^{on} human's character either in a positive or negative way. Its positive impacts can be clearly seen in the North European countries. Seemingly, cold climate looks as an obstacle but internally, it has fruitful impacts too. When people face these kind of hurdles, then those obstructions also polish human's character and make them more challenging. But there is also another group of people in tropics who are having same experiences but reacting differently. They do not take the climate conditions that serious as compared to the above ones, but having the same results. It can be said that humans have different reactions at different seasons because it is the part of human nature to

act differently. Some of them
deal the situations easily while
others face it as challenging.