

Q.2 Write a précis of 100 words of the following passage. 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 very Northern latitude have ever possessed that steady and unflinching industry for which the inhabitants of temperate region are remarkable. In the more Northern countries the severity of the weather, and, at some seasons, the deficiency 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 more prone to desultory habits, the chain of their industry is, as it were, broken, and they lose that impetus which long-continued and uninterrupted practice never fails to give. Hence there arises a national character more fitful and capricious than that possessed by a people whose climate

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permits the regular exercise of their ordinary industry. Indeed so powerful is this principle that we perceive its operations even under the most opposite circumstances. It would be difficult to conceive a greater difference in government, laws, religion, and manners 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 shortness of days. The consequence is that these four nations, though so different in other aspects, are all remarkable for a certain instability and fickleness of character.

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Title : CLIMATE : BASE OF INDUSTRIES

Climate has a great impact on the laborers. Inhabitants of North have an unstable industrial and outdoor employment base due to harsh weather conditions. While, people of the temperate latitude are famous for industries. Natives of North lack enthusiasm and vigor due to unpredictable industrial conditions, as compared to the zeal and ardour of those living on temperate zones. In addition, there exist a great difference of order between Scandinavian and Iberian countries, but the only common factor is lacking an agrarian industry; due to dry weather and soil of earlier, and severe winters of later, both differ in character, but are equivalent in the instability of industries.

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