

Precis- CSS 2018

Human Nature : Driven by climate

The author points out that positive effects of cold are evident in temperate region of Northern Europe. Harshness of cold activates humans and provides purpose, the absence of which shall result in stagnance. While hot weather provides no incentive for movement, a moderate climate engages man to provide for shelter and clothing to stay warm. He is indulged in physical activity to light-up fire. He also requires nutrient-rich diet to replenish his muscles. On contrary, life in tropics requires minimal effort for shelter and couture. Survival is possible on optimum natural resources. Indeed, human mental and physical activity varies with influence of weather.

Total words of text = 350

Precis words = 107

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.

Q. 3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (20)

The third great defect of our civilization is that it does not know what to do with its knowledge. Science has given us powers fit for the gods, yet we use them like small children. For example, we do not know how to manage our

Translation

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The city of Lahore is not confined to politics, it is an ancient hub of culture. The prestigious eras of Mughal and Sikh dynasty are associated to this city. The city is bestowed with traditional language and literature. It has also witnessed the glory of sufis and saint. The author of remarkable mystic book Kashful Majoob, Hazrat Ali Haveri aka famous Data Kanj Bakh has been buried in this very city. The city and its values dominated the entire sub-continent even during British rule. The significance of the city has not reduced an inch post independence of Pakistan.

7. Translate the following Urdu paragraph into English by keeping in view figurative/idiomatic expressions.

(10)
 لاہور شہر سیاست ہی نہیں ثقافت کا بھی قدیم مرکز ہے۔ مغلوں کی ثقافت نے عروج کا زمانہ اس شہر میں دیکھا۔ سکھ ثقافت کا بھی یہی مرکز تھا۔ علم و ادب کی ثقافت بھی اسی شہر کے حصہ میں آئی۔ اہل تصوف کا بھی یہی مرکز تھا۔ تصوف کی مشہور کتاب کشف المحجوب کے مصنف حضرت علی بجویری المشہور حضرت داتا گنج بخش بھی اسی شہر میں مدفون ہیں۔ انگریزوں کے دور میں بھی لاہور کا فیشن پورے ہندوستان میں رائج ہوتا تھا۔ قیام پاکستان کے بعد بھی اس شہر کی اہمیت کم نہیں ہوئی۔