

**PART-II**

**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 much 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)**

Precis  
 Indent the paragraph. Title needs improvement

Title : ~~Capabilities : Best comes out by going through hardships~~ C

The author explains about the trait of hard times that how it brings out the actual ~~capability~~ operating what? of human beings to operating. The author expresses it by giving some real life examples. Just like in a cold climate area, one has to work hard for living and survival. While in hot and moderate temperature area, humans can live comfortably by doing little work. This type of difference in life style is experienced by almost every human at different seasons of the year. Moderate cold climate/weather is the perfect weather to put one's abilities to proper utilization. Intense cold temperature puts human ~~capabilities~~ abilities to less use.

Main idea of the passage is the impact of climate and weather conditions on human life.

Too brief. Some ideas missed.