

## II. Complete the following sentences according to the text.

1. The formation of the modern national character of Belarusians was \_\_\_\_\_ by various historical and geographical \_\_\_\_\_ and one of them is specific natural and climatic \_\_\_\_\_ of Belarus.

2. Neighbouring countries often \_\_\_\_\_ with each other, and at that time Belarus was turning into a “staging \_\_\_\_\_” for them.

3. One of the characteristic features of Belarusians, which is noted by all \_\_\_\_\_, is \_\_\_\_\_ kindness.

4. Belarusians are the most \_\_\_\_\_ people in Europe.

5. Since \_\_\_\_\_, young Belarusians have been cultivating \_\_\_\_\_ and accuracy in their work.

6. Belarusian cities are European- \_\_\_\_\_ clean and \_\_\_\_\_-groomed.

7. Kolyady, Radonitsa, Kupala, Dozhinki and etc. are \_\_\_\_\_ Belarusian \_\_\_\_\_ that Belarusians carried through the centuries into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

8. In the region centres Belarusians often use \_\_\_\_\_ for communication, but in small towns a huge \_\_\_\_\_ of people continue to speak either exclusively Belarusian or its \_\_\_\_\_.