IELTS Academic Reading Summary Completion Practice Question 1

Philippine Mats

The Philippines generates a large number of mats due to the high domestic demand. The sleeping mat1 is there in all Christian places and among the Moros. These mats are of higher quality, and they are usually more or less heavily decorated with colored straws in a combination of designs. Buri petates are more extensively produced for this function than those derived from any other material. Pandan mats are regarded to be more durable and cooler than buri mats, but their use is limited, owing to their higher cost. Tikug mats are very important in the Visayas.

Mats are also used in the baling of tobacco and abaca, two of the Philippines' primary goods. Mats of dried banana petioles are used in the Cagayan valley. Many of these are manufactured in Batac, Ilocos Norte, and sent to Cagayan from there. In most cases, Visayas tobacco is also put in these mats. Banana petiole mats are produced as a by-product of the sabá textile industry in Argao, Cebu. The outer skin of the petiole is stripped off for fiber extraction, and the remaining section, known as "upag," is dried and woven into coarse mats by children. These are guided to as "bastos"2 or "liplip," and they are either provided to the town's tobacco balers or shipped to Cebu and other cities for baling.

Abaca is usually always wrapped in coarse buri mats for export. Weaving these mats in specific locations where the buri palm is prevalent and transporting them to hemp-producing towns are essential companies because baling is only done in big seaports, like Manila and Cebu.

Plaited sacks are woven in the exact weave as mats and are related to sugar and rice in the identical way that mats are linked to tobacco and abaca. Buri sacks are used to transport nearly all of the domestic rice production into commerce, as well as almost all of the export sugar. Pandan is used to create a few bayones. Bayonet manufacturing is an effective industry in some districts.

Questions 1- 8
Complete the summary below.
Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS AND/OR A NUMBER** from the passage for each answer.

The Philippines produces a lot of the mats because of the enormous 1 _____ need for them. 2 _____ are more extensively produced for this function than those derived from any other material. Pandan mats are regarded to be more 3 _____ and cooler than buri mats, but their use is limited, owing to their higher cost. Tikug mats are very important in the 4 _____. Mats of dried banana petioles are used in the 5 _____ valley. The outer skin of the petiole is stripped off for fiber extraction, and the remaining section, known as 6 _____ is dried and woven into coarse mats by children. 7 _____ is usually always wrapped in coarse buri mats for export. Buri sacks are used to transport nearly all of the domestic rice production into 8 _____, as well as almost all of the export sugar.

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