

Chapter 6 The Human Population and Its Impact Review Questions

1. What was the reason for instituting the one-child family policy in China in the 1960's?
2. List three factors that account for the rapid growth of the world's human population over the past 200 years.
3. About how many people are added to the world's population each year?
4. Explain how this growth is unevenly distributed.
5. What five countries had the largest numbers of people in 2010?
6. How many of us are likely to be on the planet in 2050?
7. What are demographers?
8. Give three reasons why it is difficult for them to project population changes.
9. What is the cultural carrying capacity?
10. Describe the debate over whether and how long the human population can keep growing.
11. Describe eight ways in which we have used technology to alter nature to meet our growing needs and wants
12. Distinguish between crude birth rate and crude death rate.
13. List four variables that affect the population change of an area and write an equation showing how they are related.
14. What is fertility rate? Distinguish between replacement-level fertility rate and total fertility rate (TFR).
15. Explain why reaching the replacement-level fertility rate will not stop global population growth until about 50 years have passed (assuming that death rates do not rise).
16. Describe what has happened since 1950 to total fertility rates in the world, in China, and in the United States.
17. Describe population growth in the United States and explain why it is high compared to those of most other more-developed countries and China
18. Is the United States over-populated? Explain.
19. List several factors that can affect the birth rate and fertility rate of a country.
20. Explain why there is a bride shortage in China.
21. Define life expectancy and infant mortality rate and explain how they affect the population size of a country..
22. Why does the United States have a lower life expectancy and higher infant mortality rate than a number of other countries?
23. What is migration?
24. Describe immigration into the United States and the issues it raises.
25. What is the age structure of a population?
26. Explain how it affects population growth and economic growth.
27. Describe the American Baby Boom and some of the effects it has had on American culture.
28. What are some problems related to rapid population decline due to an aging population?
29. How has the AIDS epidemic affected that age structure of some countries in Africa?.

30. What is the demographic transition and what are its four stages?
31. What factors could hinder some developing countries from making this transition
32. What is family planning?
33. Describe the roles of reducing poverty, elevating the status of women, and family planning in slowing population growth.
34. Describe India's efforts to control their population growth.