

Class-8th

Geography ch-6

Answer the following questions.

Que1) Why are people considered a resource?

Ans-People are the greatest resource of the nation. It is people with their demands and abilities that turn other objects into resources and make useful. Hence, human resource is the ultimate resource.

Que2)What are the causes for the uneven distribution of population in the world?

Ans-Population distribution in the world is uneven because of two factors, Geographical and Social.

**1)Geographical factors include.
Topography: People prefer living on plains rather than mountains and plateaus because these areas are suitable for farming, manufacturing and service activities. The Ganga plains are the most densely populated area of the world.**

2) Social Factors include:

Areas of better housing, education and health facilities are more densely populated.

Economic: Industrial areas provide employment opportunities. Osaka in Japan and Mumbai in India are two densely populated areas.

Que3) The world population has grown very rapidly. Why?

Ans -The world population has not been stable and has increased manifold due to advancements in science and technology. Science and Technology has increased food production and development in healthcare facilities has helped in reducing death rate.

Que4) Discuss the role of any two factors influencing population change.

Ans- Two factors influencing the change in population are birth rate and death rate. When the birth rate is more than the death rate, it means that the population is increasing and vice-versa. The difference between the birth rate and the death rate of a country is called the natural growth rate.

Que5) What is meant by population composition?

Ans- Population composition refers to the structure of the population. The composition of the population helps us know how many are males or females, which age group they belong to, how educated they are, what type of occupations they are employed in and what their income levels and health conditions are. For studying the population composition of a country, we use an age-sex pyramid.

Que6) What are population pyramids? How do they help in understanding the population of a country?

Ans -The pyramid shows the total population divided into various age groups, percentage of the total population subdivided into males and females and the number of dependents in a country. When the population of a country has high birth and death rates, the population pyramid is broad at the base and narrow towards the top.

2. Tick the correct answer.

(i) What does the term 'population distribution' refer to?

Ans (c) The way in which people are spread across a given area

(ii) Which are three main factors that cause population change?

Ans-(b) Births, deaths and migration.

(iii) In 1999, the world population reached

Ans-(c) 6 billion

(iv) What is a population pyramid?

Ans- (a) A graphical presentation of the age, sex composition of a population

3. Complete the sentences below using some of the following words.

(sparsely, favourable, fallow, artificial, fertile, natural, extreme, densely)

Answer: When people are attracted to an area, it becomes densely populated, Factors that influence this include favourable climate; good supplies of natural resources and fertile land.