

Exercise

1. Answer the following questions.

(i) Why are people considered a resource?

Ans. Human beings are the most important of a nation, the resources of nature would not have found any utility. human resource is the ultimate resource.

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

Ans. Population density depends on the climate and topography of the place, like few people live in high latitude areas, tropical deserts, mountainous terrains and forest areas, whereas a large number of people reside in plains. Somewhere opportunities is better some where not.

(iii) The world population has grown very rapidly. Why?

Ans. The world population has grown very rapidly because of the development in medical science which has caused decrease in death rate.

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

Ans. Geographical factors: People prefer to live on plains more than mountains or plateaus.

From the agriculture point of view, fertile lands are preferred. Areas with mineral deposits are more populated.

Economic factors: People prefer to industrial areas since they provide more and better employment opportunities. Due to this, industrial cities are thickly populated.

(v) What is meant by population composition?

Ans. The structure of the population with various respects like age, sex, literacy, occupations, health facilities, economic condition etc. is called population composition.

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

Ans. A population pyramid in which the base is broad and the top part is narrow means that, Although a large amount of birth take place, not all grow up to be adults and old, it means many die before reaching these ages.

2. Tick the correct answer.

(i) Which does the term population distribution refer to?

(a) How population in a specified area changes over time.

(b) The number of people who die in relation to the number of people born in a specified area.

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

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

- (a) Births, deaths and marriages
- (b) Births, deaths and migration
- (c) Births, deaths and life expectancy

(iii) In 1999, the world population reached

- (a) 1 billion
- (b) 3 billion
- (c) 6 billion

(iv) What is a population pyramid?

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

(b) When the population density of an area is so high that people live in tall buildings.

(c) Pattern of population distribution in large urban areas.

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

Sparsely, favorably, fallow, artificial, fertile, natural, extreme, densely

- When people are attracted to an area it becomes _____ populated
- Factors that influence this include _____ climate; good supplies of _____ resources and _____ land.