

Population growth sometimes can take on negative connotations, such as in third-world countries where brimming populations tax resources beyond limits. However, many believe population growth has positive effects on societies. These include economic benefits such as expansion of tax bases and increased consumer spending at local businesses, as well as innovations by cultures seeking to keep up with growing populations.

Several scholars of the modern time have pointed to the economic benefits of population growth. In the last three decades of the 20th century, the Harvard Initiative for Global Health reported that per capita incomes grew by two-thirds with the doubling of the world's overall population. This, of course, also means that there are lower mortality rates among pregnant women, infants and children.

Another sign of prosperity from population growth can be seen by countries improving their trade structures. Countries that have higher populations also have more people working and most of all, innovating. Take a look at Shenzhen, China. China has had a massive population growth, and today, the country has one of the biggest sharing economies in the world and thus one of the top exporters.

Although not a direct effect of population growth, growing societies often signify healthy societies. For instance, population growth often signals lower mortality rates through advances in medicine and science. Additionally, countries that have shown a decline in population growth, like Japan, are experiencing a type of crisis. Japan has the highest rate of centenarians in the world and population is highest among elderly people. This has been a concern for the nation because with fewer people having children, the future of Japan is in danger.

QUESTIONS: (20 POINTS)

I. Reading comprehension questions: (05 pts) A. Multiple choice questions: (01 pt)

Copy the complete sentence containing the correct answer.

1. The first paragraph talks about.....effects of population

growth. a) the negative

b) the positive

c) both the positive and the negative

d) neither the positive nor the negative.

2.people think that population growth has positive effects.

a) Few

b) A lot of

c) Everybody

d) Nobody

B. True/false statements: (02 pts)

Copy the true sentences and correct the false ones:

1. Many learned people of the past declared that population growth has economic benefits.
2. The improving of trade structures is a disadvantage of population growth.
3. With population growth, a society can have a healthy situation.

4. The growing of the Japanese population permitted them to be one of the top exporters.

C. Answer the following questions based on the text: (02 pts)

1. What is the relationship between the per capita incomes and the population growth?
2. Why does the author say that the future of Japan is in danger?

II. LANGUAGE: (10 POINTS)

- A. Copy down each word from the list on the left with one from the right so as to make pairs of synonyms. (02 pts)

A1

Benefit
Spend
Mortality
Grow

A2

reduce
loss
get
birth

- B. **Turn the following sentences into passive voice: (02 pts)**
1. They took some measures to reduce the population growth.
 2. Moussa can help you with your exercises.
 3. Mali will export a lot of cotton this year.
 4. The ambulance has taken the injured players to hospital.

C. Function: Complete this dialogue:(02 pts)

Bruce:of population growth?

Alice:it's a good thing since it has economic advantages.

D. Translate into English: (2pts)

Ma cousine vient de donner naissance à un autre bébé. Félicitations ! Est-ce un garçon ou une fille ?

E. Translate into French : (02 pts)

“Another sign of prosperity from population growth can be seen by countries improving their trade structures. Countries that have higher populations also have more people working and most of all, innovating.”

III. COMPOSITION: Choose only one topic (05 pts)

1. Talk about the advantages of living in an extended family. No more than ten lines.
2. Andre living in Kati Koko, Rue 421, Porte 78 sent a postcard to his friend Alexis in Mopti telling him that his mother died last week. Write Alexis' reply with the appropriate layout.