

Using your readings and experience address the following questions:

Describe the problems of development today

Explain several strategies for improving the current problems of development

In my point of view, billions live in extreme poverty. Inequality is rising within and between countries. This unsustainable growth is causing deforestation, biodiversity loss, pollution, and climate change. With decreasing distance by improving modes of transportation we are leaving behind the biggest carbon footprint. Our appliances are emitting radiation and CFC's harming the environment. Developing regions are bearing the biggest environmental costs. Many developing areas lack electricity, transport and digital connectivity which is limiting economic progress.

Good governance initiatives can enable better policies. Investing in health, education and skills empowers people. Sustainable infrastructure elevates both economy and ecosystems. Inclusive economic growth distributes gains fairly. However as far as specific strategies are concerned, every building should adapt vertical gardens, every loss of tree during construction should be replaced, urbanization should be limited by providing equal facilities, job opportunities in rural areas, good healthcare access in rural areas. Work from home should be encouraged wherever possible. Instead of using biofuels we should prefer electro/hydro powered sources. Public transport should be improved to limit individual car usage.

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