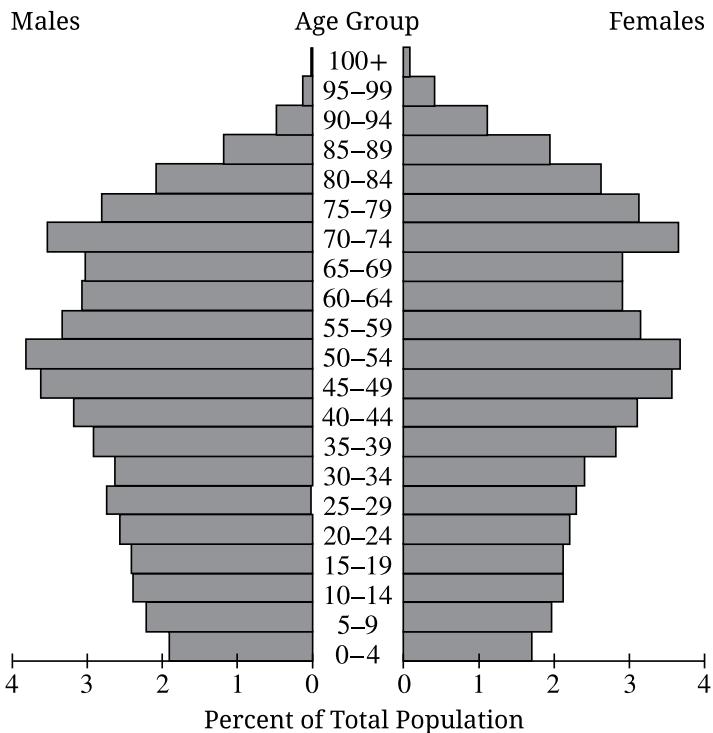


- 1.** The European Union (EU) and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) are supranational organizations composed of independent member states.

Respond to parts A, B, C, D, E, F, and G.

- A.** Define the concept of an independent state.
- B.** Describe one purpose of supranational organizations.
- C.** Describe one global outcome of an increase in international trade.
- D.** Explain how deindustrialization has affected the economy of core countries.
- E.** Explain why international boundaries on land or at sea may lead to disputes over resources.
- F.** Explain how supranational organizations such as the EU or ASEAN may challenge the sovereignty of member states.
- G.** Explain how advances in communication technologies may affect state sovereignty.

Japan Population Pyramid, 2021



Source: United States Census Bureau International Database

2. A population pyramid shows changes in population over time. A population pyramid breaks down the population by male and female and divides the population into five-year age groupings called cohorts.

Respond to parts A, B, C, D, E, F, and G.

- Identify the recent trend in fertility shown in the population pyramid.
- Based on the data shown in the population pyramid, describe the ratio of males to females in the Japanese population age 80 and above.
- Describe one process that drives urbanization.
- Describe one factor that may lead to a decrease in total population within a more developed country.
- Explain how a country's population pyramid can be used to predict the future needs of the population.
- Explain why the population pyramid provides limited information about immigration to cities in Japan.
- Explain the degree to which a country's population growth rate may be affected by a pronatalist policy. (Response must indicate the degree [low, moderate, high] and provide an explanation.)

Question 1: No Stimulus

7 points

A Define the concept of an independent state. **1 point**

(Point 1) **Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:**

- A1. The primary building block of the world political map.
- A2. A sovereign country, sovereign state, or a political entity with its own independent government (governs itself autonomously and is not controlled by any other external power).
- A3. A country with control over its own territory or laws, and/or a country that is recognized by other states.

B Describe one purpose of supranational organizations. **1 point**

(Point 2) **Examples of acceptable responses may include the following:**

- B1. To address transnational or environmental challenges, and/or to create economies of scale, trade agreements, and/or military alliances.
- B2. To align member states (countries) that have a common interest or objective (e.g., administrative, economic, environmental, military, strategic, peace, security).
- B3. To create free trade zones, cartels, lending agencies, and/or research institutions.
- B4. To reduce the operational cost of governance, regulation, tariffs, business operations, currency exchange, banking fees and/or legal expenses.
- B5. To increase regional or organizational economic power, productivity (e.g., gross national product), and/or size of the available labor force.