EC140 Reading Quiz Demographic Change

1. In one sentence, summarize Paul Erlich’s main arguments about population growth in the future:
2. Based on the paper from Lam, list three reasons why world fertility rates fell dramatically over the past 50 years. You do not need to provide any explanations.

Erlich:

Correct:

Population growing out of control; famine; collapse

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Population will keep growing, but slowly

1. Nonsense

Lam

2 2-3 correct answers: Quantity/quality, infant mortaility, reduction in desired, ability to control

1.5 1 correct answer (above) and 2 reasonable answers (marriage age, government intervention, etc)

1 0 correct answers and 3 reasonable answers, or 1 correct answer and 1 reasonable answer

0.5 =< 2 reasonable answers and no correct answers

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Why did fertility fall? *According to Lam*

Increased investment in children (quantity/quality tradeoff)

Reduction in infant mortality

Ability to control fertility

Reduction in desired fertility

Reasonable answers

Marriage age

Shift away from agrarian econonmy

Urbanization