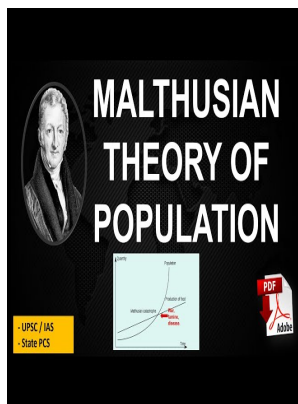


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Malthusian Theory of Population: Explained with its Criticism

The positive check on the growth of human population includes war, disease, famines.

What Is Malthusian Theory Of Population?

Preventive Checks The preventive measures such as late marriage, self-control, simple living, help to balance the population growth and food supply. They are the preventive and a positive check.

What Is Malthusian Theory Of Population?

Growth of population and food supply cannot be expected to show the precision or accuracy of such series. The remaining checks of the preventive kind, are the sort of intercourse which renders some of the women of large towns unprolific: a general corruption of morals with regard to the sex, which has a similar effect; unnatural passions and improper arts to prevent the consequences of irregular connections.

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What is a positive check on the population? Moral restraint, in application to the present subject, may be defined to be, abstinence from marriage, either for a time or permanently, from prudential considerations, with a strictly moral conduct towards the sex in the interval. Therefore, according to Malthus, the standard of living of the people cannot rise permanently. These measures not only check the , but can also prevent the catastrophic effects of the positive checks.

What Is Malthusian Theory Of Population?

These evidently come under the head of vice. It stood at 106 billion in 1900 but jumped to 3 billion in 1960, 4 billion in 1975, and 6.

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It is because England industrialized itself by developing her natural resources other than land like coal and iron, and accumulating man-made capital

equipment like factories, tools, machinery, mines, ships and railways, this enabled her to produce plenty of industrial and manufacturing goods which she then exported in exchange for food-stuffs from foreign countries.

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The theory was proposed by Thomas Robert Malthus. Adversities such as epidemics, wars, starvation, famines and other natural calamities will crop up which are named as positive checks by Malthus. The Malthusian theory states that the world population is increasing geometrically but the food supply is increasing arithmetically and thus the shortage of food leads to famine, war and diseases.

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He believed that a balance between population growth and food supply can be established through preventive and positive checks.

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