

NCERT Solutions for Class 10 Social Science ECONOMICS – Development



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1. In what respects is the criteria used by the UNDP for measuring development different from the one used by the World Bank?

Ans. (i) United Nations Development Programme used three criteria, life expectancy (health status), literacy rate and per capita income as the criteria to measure human development where as World Bank used per capita income only as the criterion to classify countries.

(ii) The World Bank considered the economic aspect i.e. the average income only whereas UNDP considered over all achievement in different aspects like health status, educational achievements and average income to measure human development.

2. Why is the issue of sustainability important for development?

Ans. (i) It is important because future generations should not suffer due to the development programmes of the present generation.

(ii) Issue of sustainability considers judicious use of resources, adopt measures to prevent environmental pollution and to avoid wastages

3. Why has Kerala a low infant mortality rate and a high literacy rate even though the per capita income is comparatively low?

Ans. (i) Kerala has a low infant mortality rate because it has adequate provision of basic health and educational facilities. The Government spent a fair amount of money in the field of health and education.

(ii) The Public Distribution System functions properly in Kerala and essential goods are supplied at a lower price than the market prices. Therefore, the health and nutritional status of the people is very high.

4. 'The earth has the resources to meet the needs of all but not enough to satisfy the greed of one person'. How is this statement relevant to the discussion of development?

Ans. (i) The statement warns against the modern technology of production, which leads to over exploitation of resources and further leads to environmental pollution and wastages of resources.

(ii) It is due to the greed of human beings that the resources are over exploited and the environment is polluted. It is not sustainable. Sustainable development takes care the needs of the present generation as well as the future generation.

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5. What should India do to achieve to become a developed country?

Ans. (i) Per capita income of India should be increased by achieving rapid industrialization.

- (ii) Life expectancy of the people of India should be increased by improving the health status of the people through awareness and immunization programmes, maternal and child health care and improving overall medical facilities in India.
- (iii) Literacy rate and Gross Enrolment Ratio should be increased by effective implementation of the constitutional provision to provide free and compulsory education to all children up to the age of 14 and by launching various education programmes.

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

- 1. Which of the following is the most important component for comparing different countries?
 - (A) Population
 - (B) Income
 - (C) Per capita income
 - (D) Resources

Ans: (C)

- 2. Countries with per capita income of _____ or less are called low income countries.
 - (A) \$950
 - (B) \$ 955
 - (C) \$ 970
 - (D) \$ 960

Ans: (B)

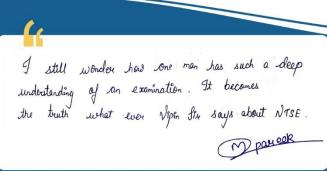
- **3.** What does Infant Mortality Rate indicate?
 - (A) Literate population in the 7 and above age.
 - (B) The number of children that die before the age of one year as a proportion of 1000 live children.
 - (C) The total number of children attending the school
 - (D) The number of children born in a year

Ans: (B)

- **4.** Literacy rate measures the proportion of literate population in the _____and above age group.
 - (A) Five
 - (B) Six
 - (C) Seven
 - (D) Eight

Ans: (C)









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- 5. "Kerala has low infant mortality rate." Which of the following is appropriate reason for the same?
 - (A) It has adequate provision of basic health and educational facilities.
 - (B) It has highest per capita income.
 - (C) It has natural resources.
 - (D) The government of Kerala is very efficient.

Ans: (A)

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