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Q1. § Notes for the Teacher

[2]

How can a nation achieve a balance between economic growth and environment sustainability ? Explain by giving any two arguments.

Previously asked in: 2024 32/2/1 Q24

♦ Development

Balance between Economic Growth and Environmental Sustainability

Q2. § Notes for the Teacher § Human Development Report

[1]

Which of the following is a key indicator used to measure a country's development ?

- (A) Primary Production
- (B) Secondary Production
- (C) Gross Domestic Product
- (D) Net Domestic Product

Previously asked in: 2024 32/3/1 Q5

♦ Development

Indicators of Development

Q3. § Notes for the Teacher § Introduction

[3]

Analyse the issues that necessitate sustainable development for the future.

Previously asked in: 2026 32/4/1 Q37

♦ Development

Sustainability of Development

Q4. § Notes for the Teacher

[3]

How is the issue of sustainability important for development ? Explain.

Previously asked in: 2024 32/1/1 Q29

♦ Development

Sustainability of Development

Q5. § Notes for the Teacher

[3]

Why is sustainable development essential ? Explain with examples.

Previously asked in: 2026 32/1/1 Q37

♦ Development

Sustainability of Development

Q6. § Notes for the Teacher**[3]**

'The question of sustainability of development raises many fundamentally new issues about the nature and process of development.' Explain it with examples.

Previously asked in: 2023 32/1/1 Q27

◆ Development

Sustainability of Development

Q7. § Notes for the Teacher**[3]**

Why is the issue of sustainability important for development ? Explain with examples.

Previously asked in: 2023 32/6/1 Q29

◆ Development

Sustainability of Development

Q8. § Notes for the Teacher § Introduction § Sustainability of Development**[3]**

Why has the issue of sustainability become essential for development in present times ? Explain with example.

Previously asked in: 2024 32/5/1 Q29

◆ Development

Sustainability of Development

Q9. § What Development Promises — Different People, Different Goals § How to Compare Different Countries or States? § Human Development Report**[1]**

Data related to an imaginary country is given below. Study these data and answer the question that follows:

The attendance percentage of this country of the age group of 14 and 15 years is _____.

- A 90 percent
- B 80 percent
- C 70 percent
- D 60 percent

Previously asked in: 2025 32/3/1 Q8

◆ Development

Interpreting Development Data / Tables for an Imaginary Country

Q10. § What Development Promises — Different People, Different Goals**[1]**

Which one of the following is a developmental goal of the factory workers ?

- (a) Better wages
- (b) Better technology
- (c) More hours of work
- (d) More labour work

Previously asked in: 2023 32/4/1 Q13

◆ Development

Developmental Goals of Different Categories of People

Q11. § What Development Promises — Different People, Different Goals**[1]**

Which of the following are developmental goals of a prosperous farmer ? Choose the correct from the given options.

- I. Better wages
- II. Higher support prices for crops
- III. Assured high family income
- IV. More days for work

- (a) Only I and II are correct.
- (b) Only II and IV are correct.
- (c) Only II and III are correct.
- (d) Only I and IV are correct.

Previously asked in: 2024 32/1/1 Q18

◆ Development

Developmental Goals of Different Categories of People

Q12. § What Development Promises — Different People, Different Goals § National Development § How to Compare Different Countries or States? **[3]**

"Different persons can have different developmental goals." Explain the statement with examples.

Previously asked in: 2026 32/5/1 Q37

◆ Development

Different developmental goals for different persons

Q13. § Human Development Report**[1]**

Which one of the following is the preceding Government Agency of NITI Aayog ?

- (A) Planning Commission
- (B) Election Commission
- (C) University Grants Commission
- (D) Union Public Service Commission

Previously asked in: 2023 32/6/1 Q9

◆ Development

NITI Aayog and Planning Commission

Q14. § Introduction § What Development Promises — Different People, Different Goals § National Development**[1]**

Read the following developmental goals and choose correct option of goals related to a student studying in university.

- (i) Good opportunities for research.
- (ii) Opportunities to pursue higher education abroad.
- (iii) Opportunities for independence.
- (iv) Opportunities for good employment.

- (a) Only (i), (ii) and (iii) are correct.
- (b) Only (ii), (iii) and (iv) are correct.
- (c) Only (i), (ii) and (iv) are correct.
- (d) Only (i), (iii) and (iv) are correct.

Previously asked in: 2025 32/4/1 Q20

◆ Development

Developmental Goals and Aspirations of Different Persons

Q15. § Public Facilities

[1]

Select which among the following cannot be purchased through money. Choose the correct option :

- I. Full protection from infectious diseases
- II. A pollution-free atmosphere
- III. High quality education
- IV. A luxury home

- (a) I and III
- (b) III and IV
- (c) I and IV
- (d) I and II

Previously asked in: 2023 32/5/1 Q15

♦ Development

Limitations of Money / What Money Cannot Buy

Q16. § What Development Promises – Different People, Different Goals § National Development

[2]

"Different persons can have different developmental goals." Support the statement with an example.

Previously asked in: 2023 32/4/1 Q23

♦ Development

Different developmental goals for different people

Q17. § Introduction

[5]

Analyse the social and economic goals of development.

Previously asked in: 2025 32/5/1 Q33(a)

♦ Development

Different Developmental Goals of People

Economic Goals of Development

Social Goals of Development

Q18. § National Development § How to Compare Different Countries or States?

[3]

Why could different persons have different notions of a country's development ? Explain with examples.

Previously asked in: 2024 32/4/1 Q29

♦ Development

Different Notions/Goals of Development

Q19. § What Development Promises – Different People, Different Goals

[1]

The developmental goal for a prosperous farmer can be :

- (A) Higher support price for crops
- (B) More days for work
- (C) Prohibition of social discrimination
- (D) Better wages

Previously asked in: 2026 32/3/1 Q34

♦ Development

Developmental Goals of Different Persons/Groups

Q20. § What Development Promises – Different People, Different Goals § Income and Other Criteria § Public Facilities

[1]

Assume there are four families in a locality. If the incomes of these four families in a week are ₹ 2,000, ₹ 5,000, ₹ 3,000 and ₹ 6,000, then the weekly average income of the locality will be –

- (A) ₹ 4,000
- (B) ₹ 5,000
- (C) ₹ 2,000
- (D) ₹ 1,000

Previously asked in: 2024 32/2/1 Q15

♦ Development

Average Income and Per Capita Income

Q21. § Income and Other Criteria

[1]

Read the given data in the table and find out the average monthly income of Country A. Choose the correct option.

- (a) 9500
- (b) 10000
- (c) 10500
- (d) 10060

Previously asked in: 2023 32/5/1 Q13

♦ Development Average Income and Per Capita Income

Q22. § Notes for the Teacher § Income and Other Criteria

[3]

Define 'Gross Domestic Product' and explain its importance. (1 + 2 = 3)

Previously asked in: 2025 32/6/1 Q25

♦ Development Gross Domestic Product (GDP) – Definition and Importance

Q23. § What Development Promises – Different People, Different Goals § Income and Other Criteria § Human Development Report

[1]

Suppose, the monthly income of the family members is as follows respectively :

- Mother – Rs. 50,000/-
- Father – Rs. 40,000/-
- Son – Rs. 20,000/-
- Daughter – Rs. 20,000/-

The average income of the family would be :

- (a) Rs. 32,000/-
- (b) Rs. 30,000/-
- (c) Rs. 32,500/-
- (d) Rs. 33,000/-

Previously asked in: 2024 32/1/1 Q14

♦ Development Average Income / Per Capita Income Calculation

Q24. § What Development Promises – Different People, Different Goals § Income and Other Criteria § Public Facilities

[1]

Assume there are four families in a locality. If the monthly income of each family is ₹ 10,000, ₹ 20,000, ₹ 30,000 and ₹ 40,000, then what is the average income of the locality ? Choose the correct option from the following :

- A ₹ 25,000
- B ₹ 30,000
- C ₹ 20,000
- D ₹ 10,000

Previously asked in: 2023 32/1/1 Q12

♦ Development Average Income and Per Capita Income

Q25. § What Development Promises – Different People, Different Goals

[2]

Imagine that you are the village Head. Suggest any two activities that you think should be taken up to increase the income of the villagers.

Previously asked in: 2023 32/1/1 Q24

♦ Development Non-farm economic activities and diversification of income sources Ways to increase income and development of villages

Q26. § What Development Promises — Different People, Different Goals § Income and Other Criteria § Public Facilities [1]

Assume there are four families in a locality. If the income of each family is ₹ 6,000, ₹ 4,000, ₹ 7,000 and ₹ 3,000 then find out the average income of the locality from the following options :

- (A) ₹ 5,000
- (B) ₹ 3,000
- (C) ₹ 2,000
- (D) ₹ 6,000

Previously asked in: 2023 32/6/1 Q10

♦ Development Average Income and Per Capita Income

Q27. § Income and Other Criteria [1]

The meaning of per capita income is :

- (A) Total population of the country ÷ Total income of the country
- (B) Total population of the country ÷ Total wealth of the country
- (C) Total population of the country × Total income of the country
- (D) Total population of the country × Total wealth of the country

Previously asked in: 2026 32/3/1 Q30

♦ Development Per Capita Income

Q28. § Income and Other Criteria [1]

Choose the correct option to fill in the blank :

The total value of all final goods and services produced within a country in a particular year is called _____.

- A Per Capita Income
- B Per Capita Production
- C Gross National Income
- D Gross Domestic Production

Previously asked in: 2025 32/2/1 Q16

♦ Development Gross Domestic Product (GDP) – Definition and Importance
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) – Final Goods and Services vs. Intermediate Goods

Q29. [1]

Choose the correct option to fill in the blank :

Net attendance ratio is expressed as a _____ of total children in the age group of 6–10 years attending school.

- (A) Ratio
- (B) Percentage
- (C) Fraction
- (D) Index

Previously asked in: 2026 32/4/1 Q34

♦ Development Public Facilities and Net Attendance Ratio

Q30. § Notes for the Teacher § What Development Promises — Different People, Different Goals § Public Facilities [2]

Explain the role of public facilities for quality of life.

Previously asked in: 2025 32/4/1 Q24

♦ Development Public Facilities and Quality of Life

Q31. § Human Development Report

[1]

By which organization is the Human Development Report published?

- A World Trade Organisation
- B Amnesty International
- C United Nations Development Programme
- D World Health Organisation

Previously asked in: 2025 32/3/1 Q11

♦ Development

Human Development Report and UNDP

Q32. § Human Development Report

[1]

Which one of the following countries has a high 'Human Development Index' score ?

- (A) Pakistan
- (B) Myanmar
- (C) India
- (D) Nepal

Previously asked in: 2025 32/5/1 Q15

♦ Development

Human Development Index (HDI)

Q33. § Human Development Report

[1]

Which of the following countries has better rank in Human Development Index ?

- (a) Afghanistan
- (b) Myanmar
- (c) India
- (d) Nepal

Previously asked in: 2023 32/4/1 Q8

♦ Development

Human Development Index (HDI) - Country Rankings

Q34. § Income and Other Criteria § Public Facilities § Human Development Report

[1]

Read the following data and answer the question that follow :

Some comparative Data on Haryana, Kerala and Bihar

State | Infant Mortality Rate (per thousand person) | Literacy Rate % | Net Attendance Ratio (per 100 person)

Haryana | 30 | 82 | 61

Kerala | 7 | 94 | 83

Bihar | 32 | 62 | 43

How much is the Net Absence Ratio of Haryana ? Choose the appropriate option from the following :

- (a) 39
- (b) 27
- (c) 38
- (d) 18

Previously asked in: 2023 32/4/1 Q12

♦ Development

Indicators of Development: Infant Mortality Rate, Literacy Rate, Net Attendance Ratio

Q35. § How to Compare Different Countries or States? § Human Development Report**[1]**

Choose the correct option to fill the blank.

Literacy Rate measures the proportion of literate population in the _____ years and above age group.

- (A) 10
- (B) 7
- (C) 5
- (D) 8

Previously asked in: 2024 32/2/1 Q14

◆ **Development** Literacy Rate as a development indicator

Q36.**[1]**

Choose the correct option regarding 'Body Mass Index' (BMI) from the following.

- (A) Assessment of Blood Pressure
- (B) Assessment of Blood Sugar Level
- (C) Assessment of Body Composition
- (D) Assessment of under Nutrition

Previously asked in: 2024 32/2/1 Q20

◆ **Development** Body Mass Index (BMI) as a development indicator

Q37. § Income and Other Criteria § Human Development Report**[1]**

Study the given data carefully and answer the question that follows :

Identify the average monthly income of citizens in 'country A'.

- (A) 8,200
- (B) 9,000
- (C) 1,000
- (D) 9,020

Previously asked in: 2026 32/4/1 Q29

◆ **Development** Average/Per Capita Income as a measure of development

Q38. § Human Development Report**[1]**

Which of the following reports compare countries using health, education and per capita income ?

- (A) Human Development Report
- (B) Global Trade Report
- (C) World Development Report
- (D) Economic Survey Report

Previously asked in: 2026 32/4/1 Q33

◆ **Development** Human Development Index (HDI) / UNDP Human Development Report

Q39. § Notes for the Teacher § How to Compare Different Countries or States? § Income and Other Criteria**[1]**

Which one of the following definitions is most suitable for the 'Literacy Rate' ?

- (A) The literate population at the global level
- (B) The proportion of literate population in the seven years and above
- (C) The total number of children attending school in a region
- (D) The average number of schools in a region

Previously asked in: 2024 32/3/1 Q16

◆ **Development** Literacy Rate as a development indicator

Q40. § Human Development Report**[1]**

Study the table given below carefully and answer the question that follows.

Which of the following country has high Human Development Index Rank in the world ?

- (A) Country 'A'
- (B) Country 'C'
- (C) Country 'D'
- (D) Country 'E'

Previously asked in: 2024 32/3/1 Q17

♦ Development

Human Development Index (HDI) and Country Rankings

Q41. § What Development Promises – Different People, Different Goals § Human Development Report**[1]**

Study the data of a State given below and answer the question that follow : If rural children aged 10-14 years are considered, then how many female children are attending school ?

- (A) 90
- (B) 85
- (C) 82
- (D) 83

Previously asked in: 2026 32/1/1 Q29

♦ Development

Data interpretation: literacy/school attendance and development indicators

Q42. § Human Development Report**[1]**

Which of the following organisations publishes the 'Human Development Report' ?

- (A) World Trade Organisation
- (B) World Health Organisation
- (C) United Nations Environmental Program
- (D) United Nations Development Program

Previously asked in: 2026 32/1/1 Q33

♦ Development

Human Development Report (UNDP) and HDI

Q43.**[1]**

Choose the correct option to fill the blank :

Literacy Rate is expressed as a proportion of the literate population in the age group _____ and above.

- (A) 7 years
- (B) 8 years
- (C) 9 years
- (D) 10 years

Previously asked in: 2026 32/1/1 Q34

♦ Development

Literacy Rate as a development indicator

Q44. § Human Development Report**[1]**

Which of the following countries has the highest 'Life Expectancy' at the birth ?

- A Nepal
- B Bangladesh
- C India
- D Pakistan

Previously asked in: 2023 32/1/1 Q8

♦ Development Life Expectancy as a Development Indicator

Q45. § Human Development Report**[1]**

On which of the following basis does the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) publish the 'Human Development Report' ?

- (A) Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Health
- (B) Education, Health and Per Capita Income
- (C) National Income, Health and Banking
- (D) Gross Domestic Product, Technology and Innovation

Previously asked in: 2024 32/4/1 Q19

♦ Development Human Development Report by UNDP

Q46. § Income and Other Criteria § Human Development Report**[1]**

Study the given data and answer the question that follow :

By how many of the following points does State B's literacy rate exceeds from State A in 2017-18 ?

- A 12
- B 10
- C 16
- D 14

Previously asked in: 2026 32/5/1 Q29

♦ Development Comparison of Development Indicators across States

Q47. § What Development Promises — Different People, Different Goals § Income and Other Criteria § Human Development Report**[1]**

Study the following table and arrange the States from lower to higher on the basis of 'Life Expectancy at Birth' and choose the correct option :

- A Haryana, Kerala, Bihar, Odisha
- B Kerala, Haryana, Bihar, Odisha
- C Odisha, Bihar, Haryana, Kerala
- D Odisha, Bihar, Kerala, Haryana

Previously asked in: 2026 32/2/1 Q28

♦ Development Life Expectancy at Birth as a Development Indicator

Q48. § Human Development Report

[1]

Choose the correct option to fill in the blank :

Infant Mortality Rate indicates the number of children that die before the age of _____ year(s) per 1000 live births in that particular year.

- A One
- B Two
- C Three
- D Four

Previously asked in: 2026 32/5/1 Q34

♦ Development Infant Mortality Rate

Q49. § Notes for the Teacher § National Development § Human Development Report

[1]

Which one of the following organizations prepares the 'World Development Report' ?

- (A) World Bank
- (B) International Monetary Fund
- (C) World Health Organisation
- (D) International Labour Organisation

Previously asked in: 2023 32/6/1 Q8

♦ Development World Development Report

Q50. § Human Development Report

[1]

Study the following table showing HDI Rank in the World and answer the question given below :

S. No. | Country | HDI Rank in the world

- 1. | India | 130
- 2. | Myanmar | 148
- 3. | Nepal | 149
- 4. | Pakistan | 150

Amongst the given countries, which one of the following countries has the highest HDI rank ?

- (A) Pakistan
- (B) India
- (C) Nepal
- (D) Myanmar

Previously asked in: 2025 32/1/1 Q15

♦ Development Human Development Index (HDI) and country comparisons

Q51. § What Development Promises — Different People, Different Goals § Income and Other Criteria § Human Development Report

[1]

Study the table given below and answer the question that follows :

Identify the State whose Infant Mortality Rate is almost three times that of State 'Q'.

- (A) Q
- (B) P
- (C) S
- (D) R

Previously asked in: 2026 32/3/1 Q28

♦ Development Infant Mortality Rate and Development Indicators

Q52. § Human Development Report

[1]

Study the following table related to 'World Human Development Index' and answer the question that follow :
Which one of the following countries has the lowest rank in 'Human Development Index' ?

- A India
- B Myanmar
- C Nepal
- D Pakistan

Previously asked in: 2025 32/2/1 Q15

◆ Development Human Development Index (HDI) and Country Rankings

Q53. § Human Development Report

[1]

Read the table given below carefully and answer the question that follow : Which of the following countries has high per capita income, life expectancy at birth and high rank in human development index ?

- (a) A
- (b) C
- (c) E
- (d) F

Previously asked in: 2025 32/4/1 Q14

◆ Development Per Capita Income, Life Expectancy and Human Development Index (HDI)

Q54. § Human Development Report

[1]

Study the given table and answer the question that follows :

Which of the following countries has the highest level of Human Development Index (HDI) ?

- (a) India
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Nepal

Previously asked in: 2023 32/2/1 Q15

◆ Development Human Development Index (HDI)

Q55. § Notes for the Teacher § Introduction § Sustainability of Development

[5]

Why is the question of sustainability of development becoming challenging in the present times ? Analyse the appropriate reasons.

Previously asked in: 2025 32/5/1 Q33(b)

◆ Development Environmental Degradation and Sustainable Development Goals Overuse and Depletion of Natural Resources
Sustainability of Development**Q56.** § Sustainability of Development

[5]

"The consequences of environmental degradation do not respect national and state boundaries." Examine the statement in context of sustainability of development.

Previously asked in: 2025 32/6/1 Q30(a)

◆ Development Environmental Degradation and its Transboundary Consequences Sustainability of Development

Q57. § Sustainability of Development**[5]**

"The question of sustainability of development becoming more complex day by day." Examine the statement in context of use of underground water in India.

Previously asked in: 2025 32/6/1 Q30(b)

◆ **Development**

Overuse and Depletion of Underground Water Resources

Sustainability of Development

Q58. § Human Development Report**[1]**

Read the following statements about Human Development and choose the correct option :

(I) It is the composite Index prepared by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

(II) Parameters to measure it are Longevity, Literacy and Per Capita Income.

(III) Countries are ranked according to Developed and Low Developing countries.

(IV) World Bank also prepares report of Human Development on the basis of Quality of Life.

(a) I and II

(b) II and III

(c) I and III

(d) II and IV

Previously asked in: 2023 32/4/1 Q11

◆ **Development**

Human Development Index (HDI)

Parameters of Development – Income and Other Criteria

Q59. § Income and Other Criteria § Human Development Report**[1]**

'Per capita income' is criterion for development of which one of the following ?

A United Nations Development Programme

B World Health Organisation

C World Trade Organisation

D World Bank

Previously asked in: 2025 32/6/1 Q2

◆ **Development**

Per Capita Income as a Criterion for Development

Q60. § Human Development Report**[1]**

Which one of the following indices is given priority by the World Bank with respect to development ?

(a) Infant Mortality Rate

(b) Equality

(c) Body Mass Index

(d) Per Capita Income

Previously asked in: 2024 32/1/1 Q15

◆ **Development**

World Bank's criterion for development – Per Capita Income

Q61. § How to Compare Different Countries or States?**[2]**

How does the United Nations Development Program's (UNDP's) developmental criterion differ from the World Bank ? Explain.

Previously asked in: 2024 32/3/1 Q23

◆ **Development**

UNDP vs World Bank developmental criteria

Q62. § Notes for the Teacher § Income and Other Criteria**[1]**

Look at the given cartoon carefully and answer the question that follow :

Which of the following concepts is best illustrated in the cartoon ?

- A Inclusive economic growth amongst nations
- B Stagnation of economic development amongst nations
- C Uneven distribution of wealth amongst nations
- D Balanced economic growth amongst nations

Previously asked in: 2026 32/5/1 Q21

♦ **Development** Equitable Distribution of Resources Income as a criterion for development
Per Capita Income as a criterion for comparing countries (World Bank)

Q63. § What Development Promises — Different People, Different Goals § Income and Other Criteria § Human Development Report**[1]**

Smt. Deepti is a resident of X country. Her country is a developed country. Which of the following would be a characteristic of her country ?

- A High Infant Mortality Rate
- B High Per Capita Income
- C Low Literacy Rate
- D Low Net Attendance Ratio

Previously asked in: 2026 32/2/1 Q33

♦ **Development** Characteristics of Developed Countries

Q64.**[3]**

Define the term 'Body Mass Index'. Explain the method of its calculation.

Previously asked in: 2026 32/2/1 Q37

♦ **Development** Body Mass Index (BMI) – Definition and Calculation

Q65. § Notes for the Teacher § Human Development Report**[1]**

The World Bank's development report is prepared on the basis of which of the following :

- (a) Per Capita Income
- (b) Health Services
- (c) Literacy
- (d) Freedom

Previously asked in: 2025 32/4/1 Q15

♦ **Development** World Bank's World Development Report and Per Capita Income as a Development Criterion

Q66. § How to Compare Different Countries or States? § Income and Other Criteria**[1]**

Choose the correct option to fill in the blank.

For comparing countries, their _____ is considered to be one of the most important attributes by the World Bank.

- (a) Education
- (b) Income
- (c) Health Status
- (d) Living Standard

Previously asked in: 2023 32/2/1 Q14

♦ **Development** Per Capita Income as a criterion for comparing countries (World Bank)

Q67. § Notes for the Teacher § Human Development Report**[5]**

How is income an important factor in assessing the development of a country ? Mention the classification done by the World Bank. (2+3=5)

Previously asked in: 2025 32/2/1 Q33(a)

◆ Development

Income as a criterion for development

World Bank classification of countries by per capita income

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