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ECONOMICS

CHAPTER 01

Development



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Question 1.

Development of a country can generally be determined by

- (i) its per capita income
- (ii) its average literacy level
- (iii) health status of its people
- (iv) all the above

Answer:

- (iv) all the above.

Income helps people buy goods. Education and health also improve their quality of life.

Question 2.

Which of the following neighbouring countries has better performance in terms of human development than India?

- (i) Bangladesh
- (ii) Sri Lanka
- (iii) Nepal
- (iv) Pakistan

Answer:

- (ii) Sri Lanka.

In Table 1.6, Sri Lanka has better health and education indicators and a better HDI rank than India. A lower HDI rank number means a better position.

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Q3. Assume there are four families in a country. The average per capita income of these families is Rs 5000. If the income of three families is Rs 4000, Rs 7000 and Rs 3000 respectively, what is the income of the fourth family?

- (i) Rs 7500 (ii) Rs 3000 (iii) Rs 2000 (iv) Rs 6000

Answer: The question treats each family as one unit in the average.

Average income = Total income $\div$ Number of families

Total income = ₹5,000 $\times$ 4 = ₹20,000

Income of three families = ₹4,000 + ₹7,000 + ₹3,000 = ₹14,000

Fourth family's income = ₹20,000 - ₹14,000 = ₹6,000

Correct option: (iv) Rs 6000.

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Q4. What is the main criterion used by the World Bank in classifying different countries? What are the limitations of this criterion, if any?

Answer:

The main criterion is per capita income. More precisely, the World Bank uses Gross National Income (GNI) per capita, converted by the Atlas method, to group countries by income.

Limitations:

- An average hides differences between rich and poor people.
- It does not directly show literacy, health or life expectancy.
- It does not tell us how easily people obtain public facilities.
- It does not measure environmental damage or sustainability.

Therefore, income is useful, but it cannot describe development fully.

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Q5. In what respects is the criterion used by the UNDP for measuring development different from the one used by the World Bank?

Answer:

Aspect	World Bank income grouping	UNDP human development measure
Main focus	Income per person	Health, education and income
Indicators	GNI per capita	Life expectancy, years of schooling and GNI per capita
What it shows	Average income level	A broader picture of people's quality of life

- The UNDP's Human Development Index (HDI) considers people's capabilities as well as income. A country can earn more money yet perform poorly in health or education.
- World Bank income grouping uses the Atlas method. Income in the HDI uses purchasing power parity (PPP).



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