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Chapter - 6. Human Resources

Short answer question -

Ques. 1. Name some areas which are densely populated, moderately populated and sparsely populated.

Ans. 1. Densely Populated areas: Some areas are densely populated due to its easy availability of mineral resources, development of industries and suitable climate. For e.g. South and south-east Asia, Europe etc.

Moderately Populated areas: The regions which are agriculturally developed, have improved infrastructure and industries are moderately populated. For e.g. Deccan Plateau of India, Central China etc.

Sparsely Populated areas: The places which are sparsely populated have few people. These places are less populated due to its harsh climate condition, less access to resources and less living conditions. For e.g. The Sahara Desert etc.

Ques. 2. What do you mean by life expectancy?

Ans. 2. Life expectancy is defined as the number of years a person is expected to live from the time she or he is born.

Ques. 3. What does dependency ratio imply?

Ans. 3. The dependency ratio is the number of economically

non-active people over economically active people in the country.

Ques. 4 The overall development of a country depends upon the capacity and quality of the population. Explain.

Ans. 4 The capacity of the human resources depends upon

- literacy
- employment according to their abilities
- availability provision of balanced and nutritious food
- availability of proper tools and machines
- availability of skilled hard working labour.

f. Distinguish between the following -

Ques. 1 Birth rate and Death rate

Ans. 1	<u>Birth Rate</u>	<u>Death Rate</u>
	Birth Rate (BR) refers to the number of live births per thousand of population in a year.	Death rate refers to the number of live deaths per thousand of a population in a year.

Ques. 2 Natural increase and Natural decrease

Ans. 2	<u>Natural increase</u>	<u>Natural decrease</u>
	Natural increase (NI) occurs when the number of birth exceeds the number of deaths.	Natural decrease (ND) occurs when number of deaths exceeds the number of births.

Moderately and sparsely populated areas.	
<u>Moderately populated areas</u> Those regions which are agriculturally developed, have improved infrastructure and industries are moderately populated.	<u>Sparsely populated areas</u> The places which are sparsely populated have few people. Sparsely populated places tend to be difficult places to live in like polar regions, tropical deserts, high mountains and areas of equatorial forests.

1. Write in detail:
3. Describe five factors that affect the distribution of populations.
3. Factors affecting distribution of population:
 - Physical features: low lying flat areas like plains along the river valleys are densely populated. In contrast, highlands are sparsely populated due to steep and rugged terrain.
 - Climate: Places with extreme climates such as the cold polar areas of Arctic and Antarctica have hardly any population. Deserts which are very hot in the day time and cold at night are sparsely populated.