

QUESTIONS FOR EXAM ONE

Introducing Cultural Geography

1. What is geography? Explain the two sides.
2. What is culture (and for that matter, what is not culture)? Explain some examples of culture.
3. What are the two major types of maps we discussed?
4. What is the global grid? What are the lines based on? Differentiate the lines of the grid and make sure you can read and understand latitude and longitude coordinates. (How does the grid “zoom in” for more detail?)
5. What is “political time?” On what basis are the time zones divided/established?
6. What are geographic information systems and how do they work?

Cultural Origins

1. How/where do humans fit into the history of the earth?
2. What /when was the “agricultural revolution?” Why/how is it important in human history?
3. Explain how variables such as climate, geologic type, animal resources, area/isolation, and terrain influence societal development and the switch to an agricultural lifestyle.
4. Explain the advantages gained by a society which has shifted to sedentary agriculture over one that is still hunter-gatherer.
5. Where were the first five areas (mentioned in class) that food production independently began?
6. Why was the Fertile Crescent the most successful and fastest area to shift to an agricultural lifestyle? What were the results of this?
7. What variables influence diffusion? Compare and contrast diffusion in Asia and the Americas.
8. Explain how food production leads to the evolution from bands to tribe to chiefdoms ending with states.
9. Compare the ultimate results of European contact in Australia versus New Guinea. Explain the reasons for the ultimate result.

10. What happened when Europeans encountered the Americas and WHY? (be specific)
11. Explain the history of African Colonization and what role geography (latitude and climate specifically) played in determining the ultimate outcomes.

Globalization

1. What is "Globalization?" Globalization is a result of what?
2. Recreate the historical "globalizing" events timeline.
 - ✓ How did colonization advance "globalization?"
 - ✓ What technological changes occurred during and after the Industrial Revolution?
3. List and explain the changes post WWII which have increased the pace of globalization. Refer to the following areas:
 - ✓ Technological
 - ✓ Institutional and
 - ✓ Cultural
4. List some Pros/Cons of globalization

Population

1. Graph the world's population over time. What is the population of the world today? Where is the growth concentrated? Which are the three most populous countries today?
2. Where are people concentrated today?
3. What is a census and why do we have it?
4. What is the difference between arithmetic density and physiological density?
5. Define and explain the different population measures (i.e. crude birth/death rate, total fertility rate, infant mortality rate, life expectancy, etc.).
6. How is population change quantified?
7. What is "rate of natural increase?" Where is it high/low and Why?
8. What do population pyramids tell us about a population? Be familiar with interpreting these.
9. What are some "population growth factors"? Give examples of countries these factors influence (i.e. why is there no growth in China, why is there rapid growth in LDC's?)

10. Explain overpopulation (is the world overpopulated? Is it a problem? What do the two sides say?) How can population growth be controlled?
11. Explain the demographic transition theory in detail and the results that are associated with each stage of it.
12. What are the regional population characteristics of regions we discussed and what do these say about that population? (East Asia, South Asia, Southeast Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, Middle East and Northern Africa, Europe, and the United States)

Migration

1. What is migration? What's the difference between emigration and immigration?
2. What is a push/pull factor? List some examples of push and pull factors. What is the most common one?
3. What are the 2 types of migration discussed in class? (Provide examples of each)
4. What is a refugee? Spot some cultural and political refugees from around the world (current and historical)
5. What were the big global migrations that populated the world of today to a large extent? What was spread, has become dominant as a result?
6. What is the general trend of migration today? (i.e. from where to where)
7. What are some of the impacts of migration on both the destination and the supplier states? Explain these in detail.
8. Who were the first people to migrate to America?
9. Graph American immigration history. What did the "first wave" of migration to America look like (when was it, where were the immigrants from, where did they go, etc.); the second wave; The third wave through today?
10. How have immigration laws changed in the United States over the years (what was the goal of the first ones, changes over time, what is the specific immigration law/numbers/preferences today?)
11. Where do most migrants coming to America today end up? Why these places?

12. What are the population and immigration characteristics of CA and San Diego (growth rates compared to other states, explain the growth “waves” in San Diego, total people and % immigrants, etc.)

13. What have been the major internal migrations and the general population shifts in America to date? What are the reasons associated with each move?