

Population Change and Public Health Discussion Questions for Lecture 13

1. Discuss the different policy instruments of governments to influence demographic outcomes of a population with the help of an example.
2. Differentiate between explicit and implicit population policies with the help of examples. What type of population policy does your country have? Explain.
3. Discuss the Malthusian theory of population growth. How do neo-Malthusians differ from Malthus?
4. Discuss the opportunities and challenges for implementing ICPD program of action in your country.
5. The program of action sets goals to provide universal access to family planning services, reduce infant mortality rates, reduce maternal mortality, increase life expectancy, and improve education. Research the progress made in these areas during the last 30 years in your country and the targets that are set to be attained by 2015. What are the prospects for attaining these goals by 2015?
6. What are the five key components underlined in ICPD program of action?
7. Critically review the population policy of your country, highlighting the strengths and weaknesses of it. If you are given the task of reformulating the population policy, what will you do differently?