# **Introduction to Demographic Methods**

### **Session 1 Exercises**

1. Which of the following are true [T] and which are false [F]?

	Т	F
Demography is a branch of statistics		
Church recordings of baptisms, marriages and burials preceded state vital registration		
John Graunt studied causes of death in Paris		
Multiple causes of death are sometimes problematic during analyses		
Most countries of the world have now had at least one census		
Birth registration is more complete than death registration in most developing countries		
Very few countries in Africa have 90% or more of their births registered		
The data from the Demographic and Health Surveys can be used to estimate both fertility and infant mortality in developing countries		
Pretests of censuses are mainly done do interviewers can practice		
Without a census for a sampling frame it is impossible to have a survey		
The Census Bureau used hot decking to estimate how many persons were missed in the census		
Post-enumeration surveys are used to check errors of content and coverage of the census		
A stillbirth must first be registered as live birth and then as death		

### 2. Check the correct answer.

The proportion of deaths under one month of age that are missed by a vital registration system is generally higher than the proportion of deaths of 1-4 year olds who are missed because:

- -Most of the deaths occur under one month of age
- -Less babies under one month of age are registered as live births, therefore their parents do not bother to declare their death
  - -There are more children under one month of age than above
- 3. Fill in the blank.

When college students are enumerated at their college residence it is termed a \_\_\_\_\_ census.

4. Check all that apply.

The objectives of the Demographic and Health Surveys are:

- -To make a census of the female population
- -To provide data on fertility
- -To provide data on family planning
- -To provide data on cardio-vascular diseases
- -To provide data on maternal and child health
- -To provide data on the economy of the country

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- 1. F, T, F, T, T, T, T, T, F, F, F, T, F
- 2. Less babies under one month of age are registered as live births, therefore their parents do not bother to declare their death.
- 3. De facto
- 4.
- -To make a census of the female population
- -To provide data on family planning
- -To provide data on the economy of the country