

Chapter-4(Introduction to population of Bangladesh)
Lesson 5 and 6: Causes and Effects of Dissimilarity in Birth rate:-

Population is not same in all countries of the world. In some countries, the population is large, while it is small in some other countries. There are many reasons for dissimilarity or rise and fall in birth rate.

*Dissimilarity means- Difference, Discrepancy, Not similar.

* Polygamy means- Several marriages.

Causes of Dissimilarity in Birth Rate

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| Climate | The people of tropical countries are more capable of breeding children than the people of cold countries. As a result, the growth rate of population is high in tropical countries. |
| Lack of education | Lack of education makes the common people ignorant, prejudice and conservative. They cannot understand the bad effects of increasing birth rate. High literacy rate results in low birth rate. |
| Early Marriage and Polygamy | If early marriage prevails in a society, birth rate increases due to prolonged married life. Polygamy also contributes to increasing birth rate. |
| Low Living Standard | The poor lead a life of low standard. They do not have to pay much for food, education, health care. So they do not hesitate to give birth to many children. |
| Infant Mortality rate | The countries where infant mortality is high, parents have more children in the hope of living children alive. |

Impact of Birth Rate Discrepancy:-
If the birth rate is high-----

- ☛ Pressure creates on land and natural resources.
- ☛ The country fails to provide the people with basic needs.
- ☛ National income of the country declines.
- ☛ Problems like food deficiency, poverty, unemployment, problem of educational management, ecological imbalance come into view.
- ☛ Standard of life degrades.

- ☛ People are attacked with many diseases. Because density of population spread germs fast.
- ☛ Ethical values disappear.

If the birth rate is low-----

- ☛ The country's land and resources will not be properly used.



Read the text book and answer the following questions.

1. How many causes are in dissimilarity in birth rate?
2. Describe the causes of dissimilarity in birth rate.
3. Dissimilarity of birth rate has a great impacts on the socio-economic condition of the country.---Evaluate this statement.

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