

Reading Comprehension Questions Overview

Reading Comprehension Questions have a good weightage in the Sbi Clerk Exam and the type of question asked in Sbi Clerk exam is similar to the question mentioned below. It has been solved and explained by KD Live Experts under the guidance of Neetu Mam and they have tried to elaborate the concept used in Reading Comprehension Questions.

Comprehension On Reading Comprehension Questions

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. A population decline (or depopulation) in humans is a reduction in a human population caused by events such as long-term demographic trends, as in sub-replacement fertility, aging, emigration, for example as a result of economic recession, urban decay, rural flight, food resource decline or high death rates due to violence, disease, or other catastrophes. Generally, population decline is perceived as a negative occurrence by policymakers, because a large population is traditionally associated with great power status; for this reason, many governments are trying to halt or reverse _____ (1) _____ trends in population. Per-capita wealth may increase in depopulation scenarios, in addition to improvement of environmental quality-of-life indicators such as improved air and water quality, carbon neutrality and negativity, reforestation, including nitrogen-fixing and fire-resistant trees, return of native species such as salt marshes and mangroves, reduction of pollution and urban heat island effect, buying more time for people to fight the climate crisis, etc. After World War I birth rates in the United States and many European countries fell below replacement level. This prompted concern about population decline. The recovery of the birth rate in most western countries around 1940 that produced the “baby boom”, with growth rates in the 1.0 – 1.5% range, and which peaked in 1962 at 2.1% per year, temporarily dispelled prior concerns about population decline, and the world was once again fearful of overpopulation. But, after 1962 the global population growth rate started a long decline and today (the period 2015-2020) is estimated to be about 1.1%, half of its peak in 1962. Although still growing, the global population is predicted to level out around the end of the 21st century, and some sources predict the start of a _____ (2) _____ before then. The principal cause of this phenomenon is the abrupt decline in the global total fertility rate, from 5.0 in 1960 to 2.5 in 2016. The decline in the total fertility rate has occurred in every region of the world and has brought renewed concern for population decline. The era of rapid global population increase, and concomitant concern about a population explosion, has been a relatively short one compared with the span of human history. It began roughly at the beginning of the industrial revolution and appears to be now drawing to a close in the Western world. The effects of a declining population can also be negative. As a country’s population declines, GDP growth may grow even more slowly or may even decline. If the decline in the total population is not matched by an equal or greater increase in productivity (GDP/capita), and if that condition continues from one calendar quarter to the next, it follows that a country would experience a decline in GDP, known as an economic recession. If these conditions become permanent, the country could find itself in a permanent recession. Other possible negative impacts of a declining population are: A decline in military strength. A decline in innovation since change comes from the young. A strain on mental health caused by the permanent recession. Deflation

caused by the aging population. All these negative effects could be summarized under the heading of "Underpopulation". Underpopulation is usually defined as a state in which a country's population has declined too much to support its current economic system. A smaller national population can also have geostrategic effects, but the correlation between population and power is a tenuous one. Technology and resources often play more significant roles. Since WWII the "static" theory saw a population's absolute size as being one of the components of a country's national power. More recently, the "human capital" theory has emerged. This view holds that the quality and skill level of a labor force and the technology and resources available to it are more important than simply a nation's population size. While there were in the past advantages to high fertility rates, that "demographic dividend" has now largely disappeared.

Question On Reading Comprehension

Which of the following will fit the best in the blank no. (1) given in the passage?

Difficulty : Moderate

Average Time : 208 Seconds

Reading Comprehension Questions Options

1. Improving
2. Declining
3. Accelerating
4. Further
5. Stimulating

Reading Comprehension Questions Solution

The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **Declining**.

Concept/Grammar Rules	Application
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The question seeks for a correct representation of the given statement so as to make it seem contextually meaningful.

The statement seems to revolve around the context that many governments are trying to halt or reverse back the decreasing trends.

Among the given words, "**Declining**" will fit the best in here as it means "becoming smaller, fewer, or less; decreasing."

The remaining words are not in conjunction with the given statement.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **Declining**.

Reading Comprehension Questions Tips and Tricks



1. Try to solve Reading Comprehension Questions without taking any help from the solutions.
2. Reading Comprehension Questions require proper usage of concept so firstly read the question thoroughly and then use the right concept.
3. In case you're not able to solve the question in less than 30 seconds in the exam then you should skip the question and move to the next question.

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