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CAMBRIDGE A LEVEL ECONOMICS TOPICAL MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

POPULATION

PAST QUESTIONS

1 What will increase the size of a country's optimum population?

A a rise in the birth rate

B a lowering of the age of retirement

C a rise in the stock of capital available in the country

D a decrease in the productivity of the country's industries

2 The table gives information about the population of three countries in a given year.

	birth rate per 1000	death rate per 1000	infant mortality rate per 1000	% of population under 16
Singapore	12	4	5	18
Hong Kong	15	6	8	20
China	20	9	28	38

Which conclusion can be drawn about the countries in the table in that year?

A China had the highest percentage of children who died in infancy.

B People in Hong Kong lived the longest.

C Singapore had the largest number of people aged over 16.

D The population of Singapore was expected to fall in the next five years.

3 During a certain period, a country with a constant population expands its output per head. It also experiences a significant increase in river and atmospheric pollution.

In the absence of any other changes, which measure would show a decrease in living standards?

A Gross Domestic Product per head

B Gross National Product per head

C Human Development Index

D Measure of Economic Welfare

4 Labour from low-income countries often migrates to high-income countries and finds jobs. How would such a movement of labour be likely to affect the economic growth and the pressure on wage rises in the high-income country?

	economic growth	pressure on wage rises
A	decrease	decrease
B	decrease	increase
C	increase	decrease
D	increase	increase

5 In some countries, life expectancy has fallen but the birth rate remains high.

Which effect will this have?

A Fewer schools and other resources for young people will be needed.

B More facilities will be needed for older people.

C There will be an ageing population.

D The working population will tend to become a smaller percentage of the total population.

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1 C

2 A

3 D

4 C

5 D