

## Review Questions – Chapter 6

**Answer the following questions using your OWN WORDS!!!! DO NOT copy right out of the book!!! Please attach this handout with your answers. All answers should be hand-written!!**

1. List three factors that account for the rapid growth of the world's human population over the past 200 years. How many of us are likely to be here in 2050?
2. What four factors affect the size of the human population in a particular area? What are the crude birth rate and the crude death rate?
3. What is fertility? Distinguish between replacement-level fertility and total fertility rate. Explain why replacement-level fertility is higher than 2. Explain why reaching replacement-level fertility does not mean an immediate halt in population growth.
4. List five factors that affect birth rates and fertility rates.
6. List five reasons why the world's death rate has declined over the past 100 years.
7. Distinguish between life expectancy and infant mortality rate. Why is infant mortality the best measure of a society's quality of life? List three factors that keep the U.S. infant mortality higher than it could be.
8. Describe immigration in the United States in terms of numbers. List the major arguments for and against reducing immigration in the United States.
9. What is the age structure of a population? Explain why the current age structure of the world's population means the population will keep growing for at least another 50 years even if the replacement-level rate of 2.1 is somehow reached globally tomorrow.
10. What percentage of population is under age 15 in (a) the world, (b) developed countries, and (c) developing countries? Explain how age structure diagrams can be used to make population and economic projections.
11. List the major arguments for and against reducing birth rates globally.
12. What is the demographic transition, and what are its four phases? What factors might keep many developing countries from making the demographic transition?
13. What is family planning, and what are the advantages of using this approach to reduce the birth rate? Describe the success of family planning in slowing population growth in Iran.
14. Explain how empowering women can help reduce birth rates, poverty, and environmental degradation.