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Critically examine whether growing population is the cause of poverty OR poverty is the mains cause of population increase in India.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · GS I · 12 marks · Women, Population and Urbanisation

Role of women and women's organization, population and associated issues, poverty and developmental issues, urbanization, their problems and their remedies.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Demographic transition

Shift from high births and deaths to low births and deaths as health and schooling improve.

Kerala path

Early fertility decline linked to literacy, health services, and women's social indicators.

Emergency sterilisation, 1975-77

Coercive drive that discredited force and did not replace need for development-led change.

Replacement fertility

About 2.1 children per woman; several Indian states are at or below it while some lag.

Dependency burden

Share of children and elderly relative to working-age people, high when births stay high.

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