Q41

The total fertility rate in a economy is defined as : (a) the number of children born per 1000 people in the population in a year. (b) the number of children born to couple in their lifetime in a given population. (c) the birth rate minus death rate. (d) the average number of live births a woman would have by the end of her child-bearing age. Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

Children per 1,000 people in a year. That is a crude birth rate, not TFR.

(b)

Children born to a couple in their lifetime. TFR is per woman, not per couple.

(c)

Birth rate minus death rate. That is natural increase.

(d) Official key

Average live births a woman would have by the end of child-bearing, given current age-specific rates.

Summary

Official key is (d). Total fertility rate is the average number of live births a woman would have over her reproductive life if current age-specific fertility rates held. It is not CBR, not "per couple", and not birth minus death.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Replacement TFR
About 2.1 in low-mortality populations.

CBR
Crude birth rate: live births per 1,000 mid-year population.

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