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Reading

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Exam Tip

While skimming pay special attention to the names of people and places, dates, nouns, and unfamiliar words.

Worlds 'extremely poor' to fall below 10 percent of global population: World Bank

NEW YORK (Thomson Reuters Foundation) - The number of people living in extreme poverty is likely to fall for the first time below 10 percent of the world's population in 2015, the World Bank said on Sunday as it revised its standard for measuring the problem. There will be more resources than ever for them to live a sustainable life.

Extreme poverty has long been defined as living on or below 4.59Dhs a day, but the World Bank's adjustment now sets the poverty line at 6.97Dhs a day. They said the change reflects new data on differences in the cost of living across countries, while preserving the real purchasing power of the previous target. The World Bank projects that 9.6 percent of the world's population will be living in extreme poverty in 2015, down from 12.8 percent of the global population in 2012. The global development lender attributed the continued fall in poverty to strong economic growth rates in emerging markets, mostly India, and investments in education and health. "... these projections show us that we are the first generation in human history that can end extreme poverty," World Bank Group President Jim Yong Kim said in a statement. However, he warned that slower global growth, conflict, high youth unemployment and the impact of climate change were obstacles to meeting a U.N. target to end poverty by 2030, part of a new set of development goals adopted by 193 countries at the United Nations last month. "But it remains within our grasp, as long as our high aspirations are matched by country-led plans that help the still millions of people living in extreme poverty," Kim added. Across the planet, the number of people living in extreme poverty has dropped by more than half since 1990, when 1.9 billion people lived under 4.59Dhs a day, according to the United Nations.

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Read the following questions and choose the best answer from a, b, c, or d:

1. What percentage of people are likely to fall under the poverty line?
 - a. 10%
 - b. 45%
 - c. 90%
 - d. 30%
2. In paragraph 1, 'its' refers to...
 - a. the people
 - b. the World Bank
 - c. world's population
 - d. Thomas Reuters Foundation
3. At what level was the world's poverty line set?
 - a. 6.97dhs
 - b. 5.24dhs
 - c. 4.59dhs
 - d. 9.81dhs
4. In paragraph 1, 'them' refers to...
 - a. people
 - b. children
 - c. the rich
 - d. the World Bank
5. In paragraph 2, 'they' refers to...
 - a. the journalist
 - b. the Government
 - c. the people
 - d. the World Bank

6. What percentage of the world's population will be living in poverty by 2015?
- a. 12.8
 - b. 9.6
 - c. 8.4
 - d. 4.8
7. Which country ('an emerging market') has a strong economic growth?
- a. USA
 - b. India
 - c. China
 - d. Russia
8. What factor causes poverty?
- a. youth unemployment
 - b. war
 - c. government strategies
 - d. large families
9. The UN predicts poverty to end in which year?
- a. 2011
 - b. 2015
 - c. 2030
 - d. 2018
10. Complete the following sentence – ' has dropped by _____ half since 1990'
- a. more than
 - b. less than
 - c. exactly
 - d. almost