

## THEME 1.1: POPULATION

Fill in the blanks with the helping words given below to complete the following paragraphs.

adequately	Australia	Bangladesh	facilities	farming	good
great	high	increase	industries	jobs	large
living	low	people	poor	resources	shortage
squatter	surplus	unemployment	urban	very	wages

Describe overpopulation. How far does this cause socio-economic problems to a country.

Give examples to support your answer.

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Overpopulation is when there are too many \_\_\_\_\_ to be adequately supported by the developed \_\_\_\_\_ such as farming, minerals and industries of the country. Countries like India and \_\_\_\_\_ are experiencing overpopulation which can lead to socio-economic problems to the country.

Firstly, overpopulation in India leads to a \_\_\_\_\_ of food supply and the government has to find ways to \_\_\_\_\_ food production to feed the people. Shortage of food may lead to people suffering from \_\_\_\_\_ health and consequently, \_\_\_\_\_ productivity and poverty.

Secondly, overpopulation could cause \_\_\_\_\_ as there are more people than the number of \_\_\_\_\_ available. This will put a strain to the economy of the country as it has to have enough \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ activities to create more jobs for the people.

Finally, the need to house these people is urgent. Poor people in India cannot afford the \_\_\_\_\_ cost of housing and thus lives in \_\_\_\_\_ settlements. Government will have to spend a \_\_\_\_\_ sum of money to improve housing \_\_\_\_\_, and this will put a strain on the country.

In conclusion, overpopulation has cause socio-economic problems to a \_\_\_\_\_ extent as the people cannot be \_\_\_\_\_ fed, educated and cared for, leading to a low standard of \_\_\_\_\_.