

PRACTICE**Strategies for Test Preparation****World Cultures and Geography Sample**

Directions: Use the chart and your knowledge of world cultures and geography to answer the questions below.

Country	1999	2025	2050
Belgium	10,162	9,533	7,609
Brazil	171,853	209,587	225,145
China	1,246,872	1,407,739	1,322,435
India	1,000,543	1,415,274	1,706,351
Japan	126,182	119,865	101,394
Nigeria	113,829	203,423	337,581
United States	272,640	335,360	394,241

Source: *The World Almanac and Book of Facts 2000*

- Which country moved from second most populous to most populous between 1999 and 2050?
 - China
 - India
 - Brazil
 - United States
- Which country's population decreased the most between 1999 and 2050?
 - India
 - Nigeria
 - Japan
 - Belgium
- When will the population of India surpass that of China?
 - 1999
 - 2025
 - 2050
 - The chart does not give that information

Urban Growth

Directions: As world population has grown, more and more people have become city dwellers. Study this chart and complete the exercises that follow to learn more about this process of world urbanization.

Year	World population	Urban population	Percentage of people living in urban areas
1950	2.5 billion	750 million	
1975	4 billion	1.5 billion	
2000	6 billion	3 billion	
2025	8 billion	4.8 billion	

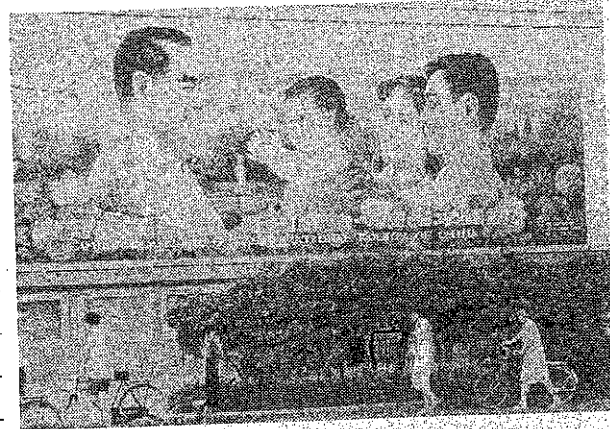
1. Calculate the percentage of total people in the world living in cities for each year on the chart. Write your answers in the blank spaces on the chart.
2. What pattern of urban population growth do you see from the completed chart?

3. What effects has the growth in urban populations and urban centers had in the following areas?

Social: _____

Economic: _____

Environmental: _____



Billboard promoting China's "One Family, One Child" policy

Extra Challenge: Imagine you are a young person in a less developed nation. You move with your family from your rural village to a modern city. Write a series of journal entries about the changes, good and bad, in your life and the lives of your family members as you adjust to urban life.

