Solutions

Each answer shows the steps, then the **result**.

2.1

- falling fertility / fewer children; rising life expectancy / people living longer

2.2

- fewer workers support more retirees; higher pension and health-care costs / labour shortage

2.3

(a)

- the elderly dependency ratio

(b)

- raise retirement age / encourage immigration / pro-natalist incentives

3.1 B

- fewer births plus longer lives age a population

3.2 B

- youth immigration adds workers to a shrinking labour force

3.3

(a)

- it keeps more people in the workforce, lowering the dependency ratio

(b)

- older workers may be unable to work / it is politically unpopular