

7.4 Women and Economic Development

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• women and economic development 妇女与经济发展 • development 发展

Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **women and economic development** 妇女与经济发展.

You must be able to:

- explain how the **Gender Inequality Index** 性别不平等指数 (GII) measures development
- explain how female education and work raise development
- define **microloans** 小额贷款 and their aim
- link women's empowerment to economic growth

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Measuring gender inequality

The **GII** measures inequality between men and women in health, empowerment, and the labour market — high inequality holds development back.

■ Women and growth

Educating and employing women raises household income, lowers fertility, and improves children's health and schooling — boosting development.

■ Microloans

Microloans are small loans to poor entrepreneurs, often women, to start small businesses — helping lift families out of poverty.

2 Practice

2.1 State what the Gender Inequality Index measures. [2]

2.2 Define a microloan and state its aim. [2]

2.3 A programme gives microloans to women to start businesses.

(a) State one direct effect on the women's families. [1]

(b) Explain how this supports national development. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 The **GII** measures inequality between men and women in health, empowerment, and [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** climate
B the labour market
C map projections
D carrying capacity

3.2 Small loans to poor entrepreneurs to start businesses are [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** remittances
B microloans
C tariffs
D subsidies to exporters

3.3 A country expands girls' education and women's employment.

(a) Predict the effect on its **GII**. [1]

(b) Explain one economic benefit. [1]
