Exercise walk-through

1.1 Population and spatial scale: supported rehearsal

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Where people live

- **Population distribution** is the pattern of where people live.
- It depends on **physical factors** (climate, water, relief and soil) and **human factors** (jobs, transport, history and government policy).
- In China, about 94% of people live east of the "Hu Line", a line drawn from Heihe in the north-east to Tengchong in the south-west, on about 43% of the land.
- The west is high, dry and cold.

$$\text{density} = \frac{\text{population}}{\text{area}}$$

How populations change

- The **demographic transition model** (DTM) shows how birth and death rates change as a country develops:
- *Demographic transition: death rates fall before birth rates, and the gap is population growth*
- The model is based on European history.
- It does not include migration, and it does not say how long each stage lasts: China passed through stages 2 to 4 in about 50 years, much faster than Britain.

$$\text{dependency ratio} = \frac{\text{aged 0–14} + \text{aged 65 and over}}{\text{aged 15–64}} \times 100$$

Key terms (2)

- **Replacement level**: the fertility rate (about 2.1) at which a population replaces itself over time.
- **Dependency ratio**: the number of people aged 0–14 and 65 and over for every 100 people aged 15–64.
- **Demographic dividend**: the boost to growth when the share of working-age people is high.
- **Internally displaced person (IDP)**: someone forced to leave home who stays inside their own country.

Exercises 2.1·2.3

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2.2 NIR $= 18 - 9 = 9$ per 1 000 $= 0.9\%$ a year (2). Doubling time $\approx 70/0.9 \approx 78$ years (1).

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2.3 CDR falls sharply (medicine, sanitation, food) while CBR stays high (1); the gap between them produces explosive (rapid) natural increase (1).

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2.4 Dependents = 60 + 30 = 90 (1); ratio = 90/210 × 100 ≈ 43 dependents per 100 of working age (2).

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2.5 (a) Push – drives people out (1); (b) pull – draws people in (1); (c) push (1).

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3.1 Natural increase = 24 − 8 = 16 per 1 000 = 1.6%; on 2 million that is 32 000 people a year (2). Total growth = natural increase + net migration = 16 − 12 = 4 per 1 000 = 0.4%, about 8 000 a year (2). The difference is out-migration of the young workforce: the district keeps its births but loses 15–34-year-olds, so the population ages even while growing – schools demand falls over time while elder care and health services rise, and the dependency ratio worsens (2).

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3.2 China's one-child policy (1979–2015) penalised second births and tied benefits to small families: fertility fell well below replacement, slowing population growth as intended (2). Unintended consequences: a rapidly ageing population with a shrinking workforce, and a skewed sex ratio from son preference under the one-child limit – leading to the two-child and three-child reversals (2). (Any accurate anti-natalist example with intended plus unintended effects earns the marks.)

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3.3 A refugee crosses an international border fleeing a well-founded fear of persecution, conflict or violence, protected by the 1951 Convention (1); an economic migrant moves by choice for work or living standards and has no Convention protection (1). Remittances add to the origin country's income (a major GDP share for Nepal or the Philippines), funding consumption, schooling and housing – while deepening dependence on migration itself (1).

Local review guidance: show the subtraction before the percentage and state the units; the difference between natural increase and total growth is migration – name who leaves; (R1) the "examine" item needs intended AND unintended effects. Authored classroom guidance.