Exercise walk-through

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Option: Food and health

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Geophysical hazards

- The Earth's surface is broken into **tectonic plates** that move a few centimetres a year.
- Most volcanoes and earthquakes happen at **plate margins** :
- **Hazard risk** grows with three things: how strong and frequent the hazard is, how many people and buildings are in its path (**exposure**), and how easily they are harmed (**vulnerability**).
- Poverty, weak buildings and poor warning systems raise **vulnerability**.

$$\text{risk} = \text{hazard} \times \text{exposure} \times \text{vulnerability}$$

Food and health

- **Food security** means that all people can get enough safe and healthy food at all times.
- A **famine** often happens not because there is no food, but because people cannot afford or reach it.
- The economist Amartya Sen argued that in the Bengal **famine** of 1943 food was available, but prices rose far faster than the wages of the poor.
- This links to the "access" pillar of **food security** in topic 02.

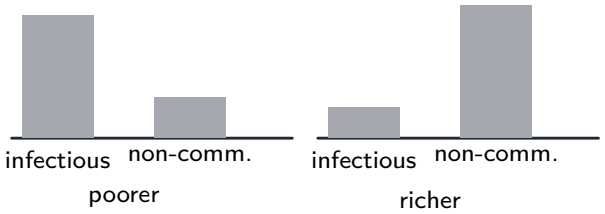
Fieldwork: geographic inquiry and sampling

- The fieldwork report is worth 25% at SL and 20% at HL.
- It is a report of up to 2,500 words, marked out of 25, on **primary data** that you collect yourself in the field.
- You cannot measure everything, so you take a sample:
- **Worked example.** Question: *Does the number of pedestrians fall with distance from the central square?* **Hypothesis**: pedestrian numbers fall as distance increases.

$$r_s = 1 - \frac{6\sum d^2}{n(n^2-1)} = 1 - \frac{6 \times 158}{8 \times 63} = 1 - \frac{948}{504} \approx -0.88$$

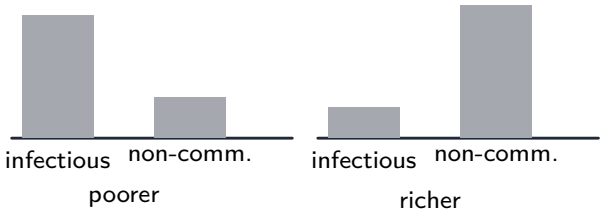
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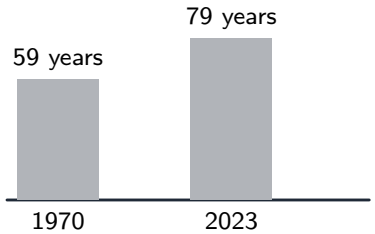


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the change in the main causes of death as a country develops: from infectious diseases to non-communicable diseases such as heart disease and cancer, while life expectancy rises

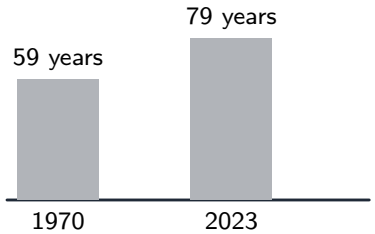
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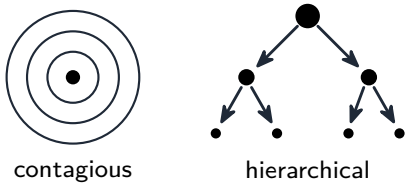


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$\frac{79-59}{59} \times 100 \approx$ **34** %; any one: clean water and sanitation / vaccines / better health care / more and better food

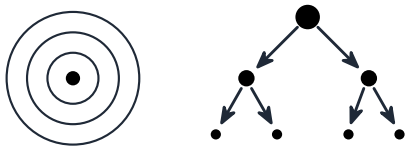
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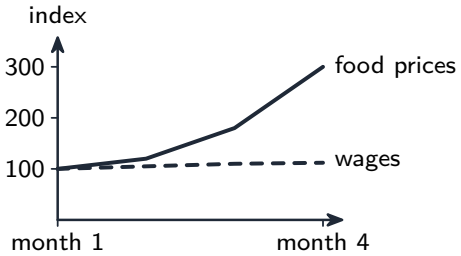


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contagious: the disease spreads from person to person to nearby places, like ripples; hierarchical: it spreads down an urban hierarchy, from large cities to smaller towns, often along transport links

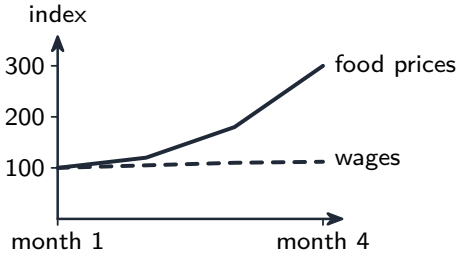
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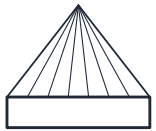


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food may be available, but poor people cannot afford it if prices rise faster than their wages (access); e.g. Sen on the Bengal famine of 1943; food may not reach people because of poor roads, conflict or hoarding

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any two, explained: insecticide-treated bed nets stop mosquitoes biting at night and kill them; indoor spraying with insecticide kills mosquitoes resting in homes; draining standing water removes places where mosquitoes breed; quick testing and medicine cure people before they become seriously ill; vaccines for young children lower severe illness and deaths

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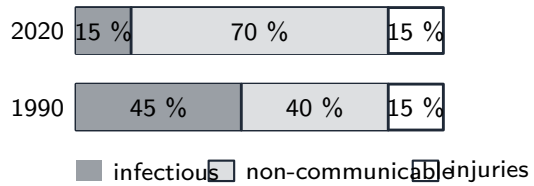
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(a) infectious diseases fell from 45 % to 15 % of deaths; non-communicable diseases rose from 40 % to 70 %, while injuries stayed at 15 %

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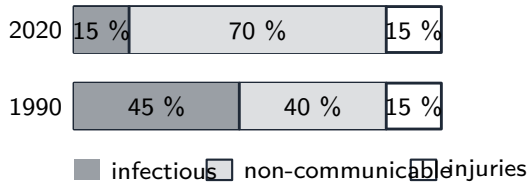
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(b) any two, explained: people live longer, and heart disease and cancer are more common in old age; diets with more sugar, fat and processed food raise obesity and diabetes; less physical work in cities, more cars; smoking and air pollution; fewer people die young of infectious diseases, so a larger share of deaths come from NCDs

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Mark with the markbands: [9-10] focused on the command term, detailed and accurate knowledge, well-developed explanation, specific named examples (places, dates, numbers), balanced evaluation and a supported conclusion; [7-8] mostly focused, good knowledge and examples, some evaluation; [5-6] relevant knowledge and examples, explanation partly developed, little evaluation; [3-4] general knowledge, few examples, mostly description; [1-2] little that is relevant. Points that may be included: Green Revolution: high-yield seeds, fertilizer and irrigation raised grain output faster than population from

the 1960s; but it needed much water and fertilizer, causing falling water tables and polluted rivers; richer farmers gained most; poor farmers often went into debt; GM crops: Bt cotton in India is widely grown, uses less pesticide and gives higher yields; but seeds are costly and some consumers and countries oppose GM food; irrigation lets dry areas grow food, but can make soils salty; aquaculture gives protein, but can pollute water and destroy mangroves; producing more food does not end hunger if people cannot afford it (Sen); conclusion: these strategies have greatly raised food production, but they are sustainable only if they protect water and soil and help poor farmers too