Exercise walk-through

2.2
Thematic study: development and sustainability

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Thematic studies

- explain **human rights**, how they are protected, and the debate between **universalism** and relativism;
- explain the meanings of development and **sustainability** and how they are measured;
- explain the causes of conflict, the kinds of peace and the rules on the use of force;
- write a Paper 2 essay with a thesis, real cases, a counter-argument and a judgement.

Sources for this lesson

- International Baccalaureate, *Global Politics guide* (first assessment 2026).
- United Nations, ***Universal Declaration of Human Rights*** (1948) and the *Charter of the United Nations* (1945), Articles 2(4) and 51 and Chapter VII.
- World Bank, *Poverty and Shared Prosperity* reports and the Poverty and **Inequality** Platform; World Bank and Development Research Center of the State Council, *Four Decades of Poverty Reduction in China* (2022).

Key terms (2)

- **Sustainable development**: development that meets the needs of the present without harming the ability of future generations to meet theirs.
- **Positive peace**: not only the absence of war, but also the absence of **structural violence** such as poverty and discrimination.
- **Structural violence**: harm caused by social structures, such as unequal access to food, health or education.

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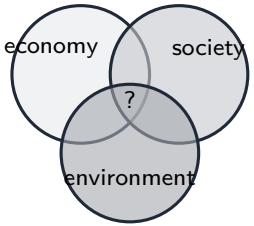
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market-led: free trade, privatization, foreign investment, a small state; example, e.g. reforms promoted by the IMF and World Bank in the 1980s–90s ("Washington Consensus"); state-led: the state plans, invests and protects key industries; example, e.g. South Korea from the 1960s; comparison: both aim at growth; they disagree on the role of the state and of markets; evaluation, e.g. most successful cases mixed both; market reforms sometimes raised inequality

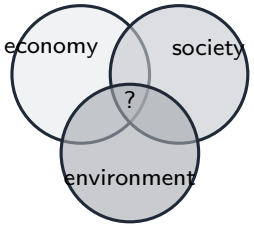
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