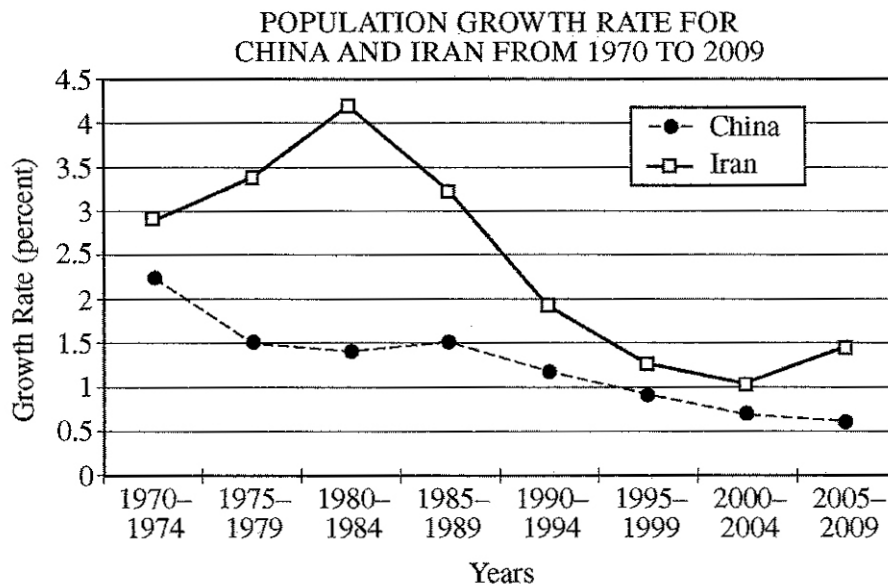


GOPO Country Context Master List

2009 Exam

- Describe Russia's electoral system before the 2007 Duma elections. Explain how the electoral system shaped the pre-2007 Russian party system.
- Describe a specific change to the Russian electoral system that was designed for the 2007 Duma elections and explain its impact on party competition.
- Describe Mexico's current electoral system.
- Describe one electoral reform made in Mexico in the 1990s and explain how that reform affected Mexico's party system.



Source: United Nations Population Division - World Population Prospects: 2006 Revision Population Database

Population growth rate is defined as the average annual percent change in the population resulting from a surplus of deficit of births over deaths.

- Describe one trend shown in the graph (above) for Iran and describe one trend shown in the graph (above) for China.
- Explain one policy Iran has used to address population growth issues. Explain one policy China has used to address population growth issues.
- Explain why both Iran and China pursued population growth policies.
- Describe one social or economic consequence of manipulating population growth rates.

2008 Exam

Various economic changes have affected the legal system in China.

- a. Describe two reforms to the legal system in China in the past two decades.
- b. Explain two reasons that reforms to the legal system have occurred.
- c. Describe two important features of the Chinese legal system that have not changed in the past two decades.

Mexico and Russia have each experienced economic liberalization and political liberalization.

- a. Define economic liberalization and define political liberalization.
- b. Describe one economic liberalization policy pursued in Mexico since 1985 and one economic liberalization policy pursued in Russia since 1991.
- c. Describe one political liberalization policy undertaken in Mexico since 1985 and one political liberalization undertaken in Russia since 1991.
- d. Compare one consequence of economic liberalization on social class in Mexico with one consequence of economic liberalization on social class in Russia.

2007 Exam

Referendum

- a. The referendum is a feature of democratic politics.
- b. Define referendum and describe one advantage for a government of holding a referendum.
- c. Identify the official who has the power to call a referendum in Great Britain. Describe one example of the use or proposed use of one specific national referendum in Great Britain.
- d. Identify the official who has the power to call a referendum in Russia. Describe one example of the use or proposed use of one specific national referendum in Russia.

Nigeria & Iran

- a. Describe one similarity in the procedure for selecting the President in Iran and in Nigeria.
- b. Describe two differences in the procedure for selecting the President in Iran and in Nigeria.
- c. Explain why the Nigerian President has more power than the Iranian President.

2006 Exam

The increasing international integration of economics has led to political debate in Great Britain and China.

- a. For Great Britain, describe one argument for and one argument against joining the European Union (EU) single currency.
- b. Describe the current British government's response to the issue of the EU's single currency.
- c. For China, describe one argument for and one argument against the privatization of industry.
- d. Describe the Chinese government's response to global pressures to privatize industry.

The process of democratization elicits both support and resistance. Respond to the following in the context of the past two decades.

- a. Describe two measures taken by Iranian political leaders to democratize Iran's political process.
- b. Describe two ways in which Iranian political leaders have resisted democratization. Describe two measures taken by Nigerian political leaders to democratize Nigeria's political process.
- c. Describe two ways in which Nigerian political leaders have resisted democratization.