

Chapter 02 The Dynamic Environment

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True False
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True False
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True False
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True False
6. In the Gini index, 0 percent stands for absolute inequality and 100 percent stands for perfect equality.

True False
7. The number of children a woman must have on average to ensure that one daughter survives to reproductive age is known as the replacement fertility rate.

True False
8. Although the global population growth is slowing, it will be the highest in the most developed regions.

True False

9. Liberalization refers to the creation of networks of human interaction that span worldwide distances.
- True False
10. In the international arena, the nation state is an actor having a ruling authority, citizens, and a territory with fixed borders.
- True False
11. The nation-state is the unit of human organization in which individuals and cultural groups can influence their circumstances and future.
- True False
12. A set of reinforcing beliefs and values that constructs a worldview is known as an ideology.
- True False
13. The economic environment consists of forces that influence market operations, including overall economic activity, commodity prices, interest rates, currency fluctuations, wages, competitors' actions, and government policies.
- True False
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- True False
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- True False
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- True False
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- True False

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- True False
19. The Living Planet Index measures the human consumption of the renewable natural resources.
- True False
20. The employees of a business are a part of its external environment.
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21. A plausible story of the future based on assumptions about how current trends might play out is known as a:
- A.
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24. Which of the following statements about historical forces is true?
- A.
 - B.
 - C.
 - D.
25. Which of the following statements about the Industrial Revolution is true?
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 - B.
 - C.
 - D.
26. Which of the following situations contributed to the Industrial Revolution?
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 - C.
 - D.
27. Using this statistical measure of global income inequality, inequality becomes greater as the percentage figure rises toward 100.
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 - C.
 - D.
28. The Gini index ranges between:
- A.
 - B.
 - C.
 - D.

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- A.
 - B.
 - C.
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30. According to the Gini index, the cause of most of the rise in world income inequality is a(n):
- A.
 - B.
 - C.
 - D.
31. The Human Development Index scale ranges from:
- A.
 - B.
 - C.
 - D.
32. Which of the following is a category used by the HDI to measure the development of nations?
- A.
 - B.
 - C.
 - D.
33. According to the 2010 United Nations Development Programme's Human Development Report, which of the following countries has the highest human development in the world?
- A.
 - B.
 - C.
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34. _____ is calculated as the number of children a woman must have on average to ensure that one daughter survives to reproductive age.
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B.
C.
D.
35. Which of the following is most likely to drive future population changes?
- A.
B.
C.
D.
36. Which of the following is true regarding the implications of the current population trend?
- A.
B.
C.
D.
37. Which of the following is true regarding the waves of innovation that have taken place since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution?
- A.
B.
C.
D.
38. Identify the correct statement regarding the waves of innovation that have taken place since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.
- A.
B.
C.
D.

39. The invention of the _____ in the late 1700s and its widespread use beginning in the early 1800s triggered the Industrial Revolution.
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 - B.
 - C.
 - D.
40. Globalization is:
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 - B.
 - C.
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- A.
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 - C.
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- A.
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43. Which of the following is true regarding the modern nation-state?
- A.
 - B.
 - C.
 - D.

44. The _____ is the unit of human organization in which individuals and cultural groups can influence their circumstances and future.
- A.
 - B.
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45. A set of reinforcing beliefs and values that constructs a worldview is called a(n):
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 - B.
 - C.
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50. The _____ environment consists of forces that influence market operations, like commodity prices and interest rates.
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51. Which of the following is considered to be the bedrock of economic globalization?
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 - C.
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62. The _____ combines in one measure thousands of population trends among terrestrial, freshwater, and marine vegetable species.
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 - B.
 - C.
 - D.
63. The _____ measures human consumption of renewable natural resources.
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 - B.
 - C.
 - D.

64. The _____ is calculated as the total land area, in hectares, required to maintain worldwide human consumption of food, wood, fiber, energy, and water.

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

65. Which of the following is an internal business environment?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.

66. What is meant by a historical force?

67. What is the Industrial Revolution?

68. What is a Gini index?
69. What is replacement fertility rate?
70. Define the term "globalization."
71. Why did the Industrial Revolution begin in Great Britain?

72. Discuss the problem of global income inequality.

73. What are the factors that will drive future population changes? Discuss the implications of these population trends.

74. How has technology impacted societies? What will be the impact of new technologies?

75. Discuss in brief the waves of innovation that have taken place since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.
76. Discuss the impact of globalization over the years.
77. Briefly discuss dominant ideologies.

78. What does the economic environment consist of? Define the terms "trade liberalization" and "foreign direct investment."
79. How does the cultural environment create change in the relationships between business, governments, and societies?
80. Discuss the five trends in the legal environment that restrain business behavior.

Chapter 02 The Dynamic Environment **Key**

1.
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FALSE

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #1
2.
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TRUE

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #2
3.
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Great Britain was the first society to usher in the Industrial Revolution.

TRUE

Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #3
4.
(p. 25)

Sustained economic growth arose in Western Europe and the United States during the first half of the twentieth century.

FALSE

Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #4
5.
(p. 26)

Global income inequality is measured by the Lorenz index.

FALSE

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #5
6.
(p. 26)

In the Gini index, 0 percent stands for absolute inequality and 100 percent stands for perfect equality.

FALSE

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #6

7.
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The number of children a woman must have on average to ensure that one daughter survives to reproductive age is known as the replacement fertility rate.

TRUE

*Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #7*

8.
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Although the global population growth is slowing, it will be the highest in the most developed regions.

FALSE

*Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #8*

9.
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Liberalization refers to the creation of networks of human interaction that span worldwide distances.

FALSE

*Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #9*

10.
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In the international arena, the nation state is an actor having a ruling authority, citizens, and a territory with fixed borders.

TRUE

*Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #10*

11.
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The nation-state is the unit of human organization in which individuals and cultural groups can influence their circumstances and future.

TRUE

*Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #11*

12.
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A set of reinforcing beliefs and values that constructs a worldview is known as an ideology.

TRUE

*Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #12*

13.
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The economic environment consists of forces that influence market operations, including overall economic activity, commodity prices, interest rates, currency fluctuations, wages, competitors' actions, and government policies.

TRUE

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #13

14.
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FALSE

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #14

15.
(p. 40)

Values based on assumptions of security and affluence are known as postmaterialist values.

TRUE

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #15

16.
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A form of government requiring popular sovereignty, political liberty, and majority rule is the androcracy.

FALSE

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #16

17.
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Soft law refers to the voluntarily adopted guidelines for corporate behavior derived from emerging norms and standards in international codes, declarations, and conventions.

TRUE

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #17

18.
(p. 43)

Economic activity is a geophysical force with power to change the natural environment.

TRUE

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #18

19.
(p. 43)

The Living Planet Index measures the human consumption of the renewable natural resources.

FALSE

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #19

20.
(p. 44)

The employees of a business are a part of its external environment.

FALSE

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #20

21.
(p. 22)

A plausible story of the future based on assumptions about how current trends might play out is known as a:

- A.
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- C.
- D.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #21

22.
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_____ is an economic policy of lowering tariffs and other barriers to encourage trade.

- A.**
- B.
- C.
- D.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #22

23.
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An environmental force of unknown origin and mysterious action that provides the energy for events is known as a:

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- B.
- C.**
- D.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #23

24.
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Which of the following statements about historical forces is true?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.**

Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #24

25.
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- A.
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- C.**
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Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #25

26.
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Which of the following situations contributed to the Industrial Revolution?

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- C.**
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Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #26

27.
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Using this statistical measure of global income inequality, inequality becomes greater as the percentage figure rises toward 100.

- A.
- B.
- C.**
- D.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #27

28.
(p. 26)

The Gini index ranges between:

- A.
- B.**
- C.
- D.

Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #28

29.
(p. 26)

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- A.**
- B.
- C.
- D.

Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #29

30.
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According to the Gini index, the cause of most of the rise in world income inequality is a(n):

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- B.
- C.
- D.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #30

31.
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The Human Development Index scale ranges from:

- A.
- B.**
- C.
- D.

Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #31

32.
(p. 28)

Which of the following is a category used by the HDI to measure the development of nations?

- A.**
- B.
- C.
- D.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #32

33.
(p. 28)

According to the 2010 United Nations Development Programme's Human Development Report, which of the following countries has the highest human development in the world?

- A.
- B.
- C.**
- D.

Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #33

34.
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_____ is calculated as the number of children a woman must have on average to ensure that one daughter survives to reproductive age.

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.**

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #34

35.
(p. 30)

Which of the following is most likely to drive future population changes?

- A.
- B.**
- C.
- D.

Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #35

36.
(p. 30)

Which of the following is true regarding the implications of the current population trend?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.**

Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #36

37.
(p. 31)

Which of the following is true regarding the waves of innovation that have taken place since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution?

- A.
- B.
- C.**
- D.

Difficulty: Difficult
Steiner - Chapter 02 #37

38.
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Identify the correct statement regarding the waves of innovation that have taken place since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.

- A.
- B.
- C.**
- D.

Difficulty: Difficult
Steiner - Chapter 02 #38

39.
(p. 31)

The invention of the _____ in the late 1700s and its widespread use beginning in the early 1800s triggered the Industrial Revolution.

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.**

Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #39

40.
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Globalization is:

- A.
- B.
- C.**
- D.

Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #40

41.
(p. 32)

_____, especially a few hundred of the largest headquartered in developed nations, are the central forces of current economic globalization.

- A.**
- B.
- C.
- D.

Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #41

42.
(p. 33)

In the international arena, a _____ is an actor formed of three elements: a ruling authority, citizens, and a territory with fixed borders.

- A.
- B.**
- C.
- D.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #42

43.
(p. 33)

Which of the following is true regarding the modern nation-state?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.**

Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #43

44.
(p. 33)

The _____ is the unit of human organization in which individuals and cultural groups can influence their circumstances and future.

- A.
- B.
- C.**
- D.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #44

45.
(p. 34)

A set of reinforcing beliefs and values that constructs a worldview is called a(n):

- A.**
- B.
- C.
- D.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #45

46.
(p. 34)

Which of the following is NOT an ideology that facilitated the Industrial Revolution?

- A.
- B.**
- C.
- D.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #46

47.
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Herbert Spencer's idea that evolutionary competition in human society, as well as the natural world, weeded out the unfit and advanced humanity is known as:

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- C.**
- D.

Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #47

48.
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- A.
- B.**
- C.
- D.

Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #48

49.
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Which of the following fulfills the human need for concepts and categories of meaning that explain daily life?

- A.
- B.
- C.**
- D.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #49

50.
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The _____ environment consists of forces that influence market operations, like commodity prices and interest rates.

- A.**
- B.
- C.
- D.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #50

51.
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Which of the following is considered to be the bedrock of economic globalization?

- A.
- B.
- C.
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Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #51

52.
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- A.
- B.**
- C.
- D.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #52

53.
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Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #53

54.
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Technology that is developed on the scale of one-billionth of a meter is known as:

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Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #54

55.
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Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #55

56.
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A system of shared knowledge, values, norms, customs, and rituals that are acquired by social learning is called a:

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- B.
- C.**
- D.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #56

57.
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- A.
- B.
- C.**
- D.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #57

58.
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_____ is a form of government requiring popular sovereignty, political liberty, and majority rule.

- A.**
- B.
- C.
- D.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #58

59.
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Which of the following is a characteristic of a democracy?

- A.
- B.**
- C.
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Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #59

60.
(p. 42)

Which of the following is a trend that works in the legal environment to constrain business behavior?

- A.
- B.
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Difficulty: Medium
Steiner - Chapter 02 #60

61.
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- A.
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Steiner - Chapter 02 #61

62.
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- B.
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Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #62

63.
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The _____ measures human consumption of renewable natural resources.

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Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #63

64.
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The _____ is calculated as the total land area, in hectares, required to maintain worldwide human consumption of food, wood, fiber, energy, and water.

- A.
- B.
- C.**
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Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #64

65.
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Which of the following is an internal business environment?

- A.
- B.**
- C.
- D.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #65

66.
(p. 25)

What is meant by a historical force?

Historical force is an environmental force of unknown origin and mysterious action that provides the energy for events. This force is divided into nine separate but related forces causing distinct chains of events.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #66

67.
(p. 25)

What is the Industrial Revolution?

The Industrial Revolution was an economic metamorphosis in England in the late 1700s. It turned simple economies of farmers and artisans into complex industrial societies, and increased their wealth and national power.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #67

68.
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What is a Gini index?

The Gini index is a statistical measure of inequality in which 0 percent is perfect equality and 100 percent is absolute inequality.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #68

69.
(p. 29)

What is replacement fertility rate?

The number of children a woman must have on average to ensure that one daughter survives to reproductive age is known as the replacement fertility rate. In theory, this number is sufficient to maintain a stable population.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #69

70.
(p. 32)

Define the term "globalization."

Globalization occurs when networks of economic, political, social, military, scientific, or environmental interdependence grow to span worldwide distances. In the economic realm, globalization occurs when nations open themselves to foreign trade and investment, creating world markets for goods, services, and capital.

Difficulty: Easy
Steiner - Chapter 02 #70

Why did the Industrial Revolution begin in Great Britain?

The Industrial Revolution of the late 1700s turned simple economies of farmers and artisans into complex industrial societies, greatly increasing their wealth and national power. In thousands of years before this event, there had been no widespread, sustained economic growth to raise living standards. The vast majority of the world's population was mired in poverty. The Industrial Revolution required specific conditions, including a sufficiency of capital, labor, natural resources, and fuels; adequate transportation; strong markets; and ideas and institutions that support the productive blend of these ingredients. The right conditions first appeared in Great Britain. It was an open society that allowed social mobility and encouraged individual initiative. Its parliament embodied values of political liberty, free speech, and public debate. Consequently, Britain was the source of scientific advances and inventions such as the steam engine that liberated the energy in the nation's massive coal deposits. Its climate supported agriculture and its island geography put it at the hub of sea routes for world trade.

From time immemorial, status distinctions, class structures, and gaps between rich and poor have characterized societies. Inequality is ubiquitous, as are its consequences. The basic political conflict in every nation, and between nations, is the antagonism between rich and poor. As the Industrial Revolution accelerated the accumulation of wealth, it worsened the persistent problem of uneven distribution. Explosive economic growth widened the gap between rich and poor around the globe. As the Industrial Revolution was spreading from England to Western Europe, global income inequality was already very high. Economies in industrializing nations rapidly expanded. After that, the rise was slower, as Asian countries holding the bulk of the world's poor began to industrialize and catch up. The Gini index reached 64 percent in 1950 and continued its decelerating rise to 67 percent in 2007. This represents an extreme level of inequality across the world population, so high it exceeds the inequality within any single nation. The cause of this striking gap is the diverging economic fortunes of nations. Contrary to popular opinion, economic growth itself does not increase income inequality within modernizing nations. During industrialization, the incomes of the poorest people rise in proportion to the rise in average income for the country as a whole. The cause of most of the rise in world income inequality is a growing gap between the peoples of rich and poor nations, not a growing separation of rich and poor within nations. Inequality is perpetuated by social institutions such as caste, marriage, land ownership, law, and market relationships. Arrangements and rules in these institutions are resilient, creating sinkholes of unequal opportunity. The vast majority of the world's poor people live in nations not yet transformed by industrial growth where entrenched inequities persist over generations. This situation creates expectations that ethical duties of global corporations include helping the poor and equitably distributing the fruits of commerce.

73.
(p. 30)

What are the factors that will drive future population changes? Discuss the implications of these population trends.

The factors that will drive future population changes are: falling fertility, low mortality, and migration.

These population trends have many implications. First, although global population growth is slowing, it will be highest in the least developed regions, further widening the wealth gap between high-and low-income countries. Second, growth will continue to strain the earth's ecosystems, especially as industrial activity spreads. Third, the West is in demographic decline compared with other peoples. Shrinking, aging populations may lead to slower GDP growth, putting more pressure on national welfare and pension policies. In the future, non-Western populations will be stronger economically, militarily, and politically and will push to expand their influence. Although Western market values and business ideology seem ascendant now, they may be less dominant in the future as the numerical basis of Western civilization declines. In such ways will population trends alter the business environment and create new societal expectations for corporate behavior.

Difficulty: Difficult
Steiner - Chapter 02 #73

How has technology impacted societies? What will be the impact of new technologies?

Throughout recorded history new technologies and devices have fueled commerce and reshaped societies. In the 1450s the printing press was an immediate commercial success, but its impact went far beyond the publishing business. The invention of the steam engine in the late 1700s and its widespread use beginning in the early 1800s, along with increased use of the waterwheel and new iron-making methods, triggered the Industrial Revolution. This was the first of five waves of technological revolution. With each wave innovations spread, stimulating economic booms of increased investment, rising productivity, and output growth. The shortening of successive waves reveals faster innovation.

New technologies foster the productivity gains that sustain long-term economic progress, and they promote human welfare. However, they also can agitate societies. During the rise of industrial societies over more than two centuries, technology has altered human civilization by stimulating economic and population growth to sustained rises unimaginable in previous recorded history. New things have created many benefits, including higher living standards and longer life spans, but because technology changes faster than human beliefs and institutions, it also imposes strains.

Discuss in brief the waves of innovation that have taken place since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.

There are five waves of technological revolution.

- The first wave of innovation took place between 1785 and 1845. This was the time when water power was harnessed, textiles were developed, and iron was extensively used.
- The second wave of innovation took place between 1845 and 1900. This was when the power of steam was harnessed, railways were developed, and steel was put to extensive use.
- The third wave took place between 1900 and 1950. In this period, electricity was discovered and put to use, chemicals were used, and the internal-combustion engine was developed.
- The fourth wave took place between 1950 and 1990, during which period petrochemicals, electronics, and aviation made their presence felt.
- The fifth and final wave of innovation started from 1990 and is expected to continue up to 2020. Digital networks, software, new media, and biotechnology have already arrived.

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Discuss the impact of globalization over the years.

Globalization occurs when networks of economic, political, social, military, scientific, or environmental interdependence grow to span worldwide distances. In the economic realm, globalization occurs when nations open themselves to foreign trade and investment, creating world markets for goods, services, and capital. The current rise of such a system began after World War II, when the victor nations lowered trade barriers and loosened capital controls. Over the next 50 years, international negotiations led more nations to open themselves to global flows of goods, services, and investment until today no national economy of any significance remains isolated from world markets. Today's economic globalization is the leading edge of a long trend. By the late 1700s the world was knit together with the exchange of trade goods, currencies, and ideas. The consequences of this initial globalization are similar to those arising from the current globalization. Economic activity rapidly increased, trade expansion increased inequality among nations, cultures changed, and infectious diseases spread. Since this initial tying together of societies, the trend toward integration has continued. Globalization has been accelerated by new technologies, particularly those based on electricity, but also sometimes slowed by national rivalries and wars. Today, transnational corporations are the central forces of economic globalization. However, globalization complicates their management. By operating in many countries they multiply the number and kind of stakeholders to which they must respond. Their actions create strains and anxieties that lead to heightened expectations of responsible behavior. There is a strong anticorporate movement that see the growing velocity of trade with alarm because it clashes with their values on the environment, human rights, and democracy. These groups seek to restrain and regulate the activities of transnational corporations and they have had some success.

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Briefly discuss dominant ideologies.

Thought shapes history. An ideology is a set of reinforcing beliefs and values that constructs a worldview. Ideologies are more than the sum of sensory perception and rational thought. They fulfill the human need for concepts and categories of meaning that explain daily life. Ideologies in accord with experience and current conditions often spread widely. Their belief systems lead adherents to feel a collective identity and to follow common norms that direct social behavior, thereby promoting cooperation and stability. They give institutions that represent them, such as churches, governments, and corporations, the power to interpret events and resolve human problems.

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What does the economic environment consist of? Define the terms "trade liberalization" and "foreign direct investment."

The economic environment consists of forces that influence market operations, including overall economic activity, commodity prices, interest rates, currency fluctuations, wages, competitors' actions, and government policies.

Trade liberalization is a philosophy in which nations promote trade by easing restrictions, including both tariff and nontariff barriers. This philosophy, sometimes called simply liberalization, is the bedrock of economic globalization.

Foreign direct investment is capital invested by private firms outside their home countries.

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How does the cultural environment create change in the relationships between business, governments, and societies?

A culture is a system of shared knowledge, values, norms, customs, and rituals acquired by social learning. No universal culture exists, so the environment of a transnational corporation includes a variety of cultures, each with differing peoples, languages, religions, and values. On one level, this variation causes conflicts of business custom, and managers in foreign countries must absorb both subtle and striking differences in employee loyalty, group versus individual initiative, the place of women in organizations, ethical values, norms of gift giving, attitudes toward authority, the meaning of time, and clothing worn in business settings. On a deeper level, although no uniform world culture exists, there is a fundamental divide between the culture of Western economic development and some other national cultures. The culture of the advanced West promotes a core ideology of markets, individualism, and democracy. It is sustained by Western nations that dominate international organizations, contain the most powerful corporations, and have the strongest militaries. Although developing nations tend to adopt elements of Western culture, some are resistant. Over the last half of the twentieth century, some cultural values in developed nations began to shift, creating changes in the global business environment. In these societies, traditional values based on historical realities of economic scarcity were transformed. In their place came postmaterialist values. In older industrializing societies, the drive for survival and material welfare dominated. However, the generations after World War II grew up surrounded by affluence and the protections of welfare states. Because they felt material security, these generations began to rank individual autonomy over deference to authority, quality of life over mere survival, self-expression over conformity, and tolerance over prejudice. The rise of postmaterialist values has uniformly shifted the social, political, economic, and sexual norms of rich countries. Postmaterialist values are a strong influence in the operating environments of multinational corporations. They support a

powerful global movement to promote fundamental human rights. This movement is energized by West-dominated coalitions of individuals, advocacy groups, governments, and international organizations. Similar and interrelated movements have risen to promote sustainable development and humanitarian assistance to poor regions. This global tide of morality elevates expectations about the behavior of multinational corporations. Increasingly, they must follow proliferating codes and rules developed by moral reformers and must define their strategies to promote both human welfare and net income.

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Discuss the five trends in the legal environment that restrain business behavior.

The legal environment consists of legislation, regulation, and litigation. Five enduring trends in this environment work to constrain business behavior.

First, laws and regulations steadily grow in number and complexity. As governments become more active and more participatory they respond to citizens' calls for restraining corporate power with new statutes and heightened regulatory activity.

Second, legal duties to protect the rights of stakeholders, such as employees, consumers, and the public, have expanded. These rights derive from the steady flow of laws and court decisions.

Third, globalization has increased the complexity of the legal environment by exposing corporations to international law and the laws of foreign nations. In addition, advocacy groups promoting human rights, labor, and environmental causes push corporations to adopt so-called soft law. These guidelines can exceed requirements in the laws of some nations.

Fourth, although requirements of ethical behavior and corporate social responsibility go beyond legal duty, they are continuously plucked from the voluntary realm and encoded into law. Actions that once elicited debate over the nature of corporate responsibility continuously move into regulatory regimes that squeeze out all expression of free will by managers. Finally, the law is constantly evolving.

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