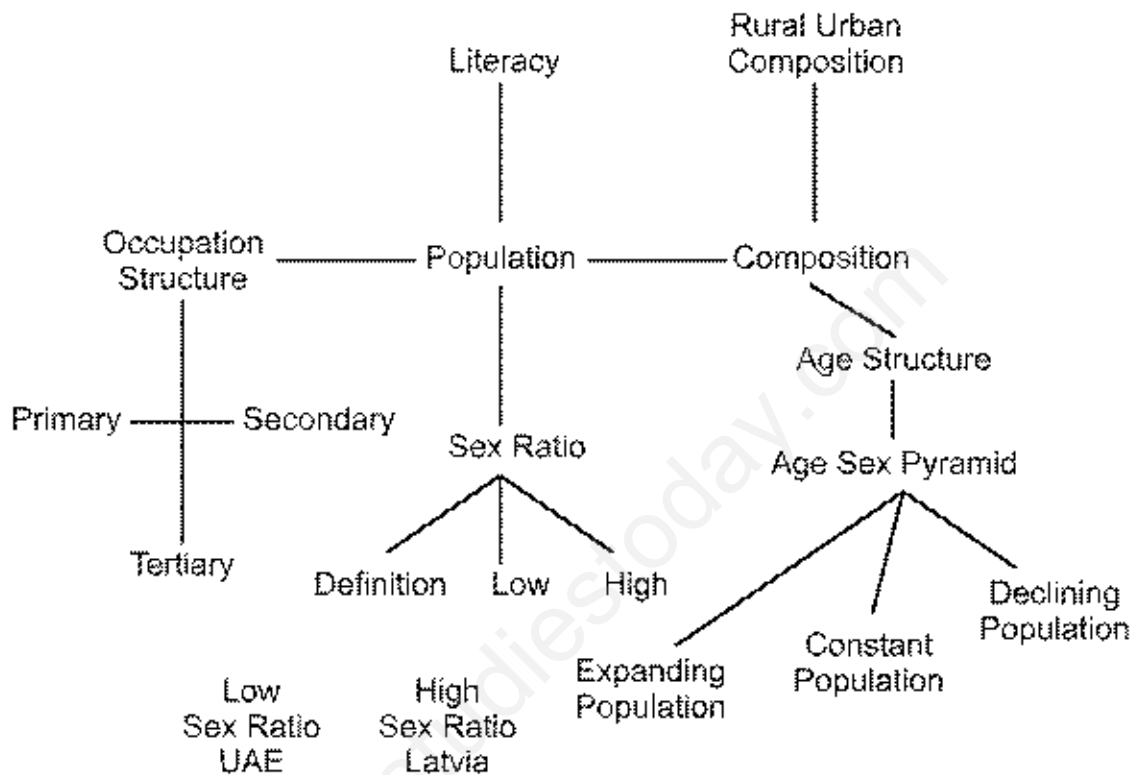


**CHAPTER 3**

**POPULATION COMPOSITION**



- Q1. Which country has the highest sex ratio in the world? (1)  
 Ans Latvia (1187 females per 1000 males.)
- Q2. Which country has the lowest sex ratio in the world? (1)  
 Ans UAE (468 females per thousand males)
- Q3. What is the average sex ratio in the world? (1)  
 Ans 990 females per 1000 males.
- Q4. How many countries have the unfavourable sex ratio in the world? (1)  
 Ans 72 countries
- Q5. Which country has declining population pyramid? (1)  
 Ans Japan

Q6. Which country has constant population pyramid? (1)

Ans Australia

Q7. What is occupational age group of the population? (1)

Ans 15 to 59 years

Q8. Which is the largest linguistic group in the world? (1)

Ans Mandarin or Chinese

Q9. Which areas are not attractive for human dwelling in the world? (1)

Ans Mountain, arid & forest(including harsh climatic areas).

Q10. What is the average density of population in the world according to 2001 census? (1)

Ans World population Density = World's pop (6.8 billion) ÷ Earth's Land area (150 million km<sup>2</sup>) = 45.3 per km<sup>2</sup>.

Q11. What is Sex ratio? Why is Sex - ratio unfavourable to women in some countries of the world? Explain any four reasons. (5)

Ans 
$$\text{Sex Ratio} = \frac{\text{Female Population}}{\text{Male Population}} \times 1000$$

Sex ratio - unfavourable to women - reasons are :-

- (1) Practice of Female Foeticide.
- (2) Female infanticide.
- (3) domestic violence against women.
- (4) Lower Socio - economic status of women.

Q12. State the factors which discourage women to migrate from rural to urban areas in India. (5)

Ans High female participation in farming activities in rural areas

- Shortage of housing.
- High cost of living in urban areas.
- Paucity of job opportunities.
- Lack of security in urban areas.
- Social constraints.

**Q13.** The shape of the pyramid reflects the characteristics of the population. Explain the statement with suitable examples. (5)

**Ans** A population pyramid is used to show the age-sex structure of the population

- The left side shows the percentage of males while the right side shows the percentage of women in each age group
- Triangular shaped pyramid reflects expanding population. There is larger population in lower age groups due to high birth rates. eg : Age sex pyramid of Bangladesh.
- Bell shaped pyramid shows that birth and death rates are almost equal leading to a near constant population eg. age sex pyramid of Australia.
- The Japan pyramid has a narrow base and a tapered towards the top showing low birth and death rates. The population growth is usually zero or negative

**Q14.** How the process of urbanization brings differentiation and imbalance in population size between urban and rural population size in various parts of the world. (5)

**Ans** ■ In Western countries males outnumber females in rural areas and females outnumber the males in urban areas.

- The excess of females in urban areas of USA, Canada and Europe is the result of influx of females from rural areas to avail of the vast job opportunities.
- Farming in these developed countries is highly mechanized and remains largely a male occupation.
- In African and Asian countries urban areas remain male dominated due to predominance of male migration.
- In countries like India, female participation in farming activity in rural area is fairly high. Shortage of housing, high cost of living, paucity of job opportunities and lack of security in cities discourage women to migrate from rural to urban areas.

**Q15** List the factors influencing the literacy ratio.

- Ans**
- (1) Level of economic development
  - (2) Urbanisation
  - (3) Status of woman in society.
  - (4) Availability of education facilities
  - (5) Govt. policies

