



M.A. / M. Sc. Geography-Part-I

Paper-VII -Human and Population Geography

TOPIC:- *The World Population : Distribution and Density*

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- Recapitulation



INTRODUCTION

- ❑ The people of a country are its real wealth.
- ❑ It is they who make use of the country's resources and decide its policies.
- ❑ Ultimately a country is known by its people.
- ❑ It also plays an important role in modern economic development.

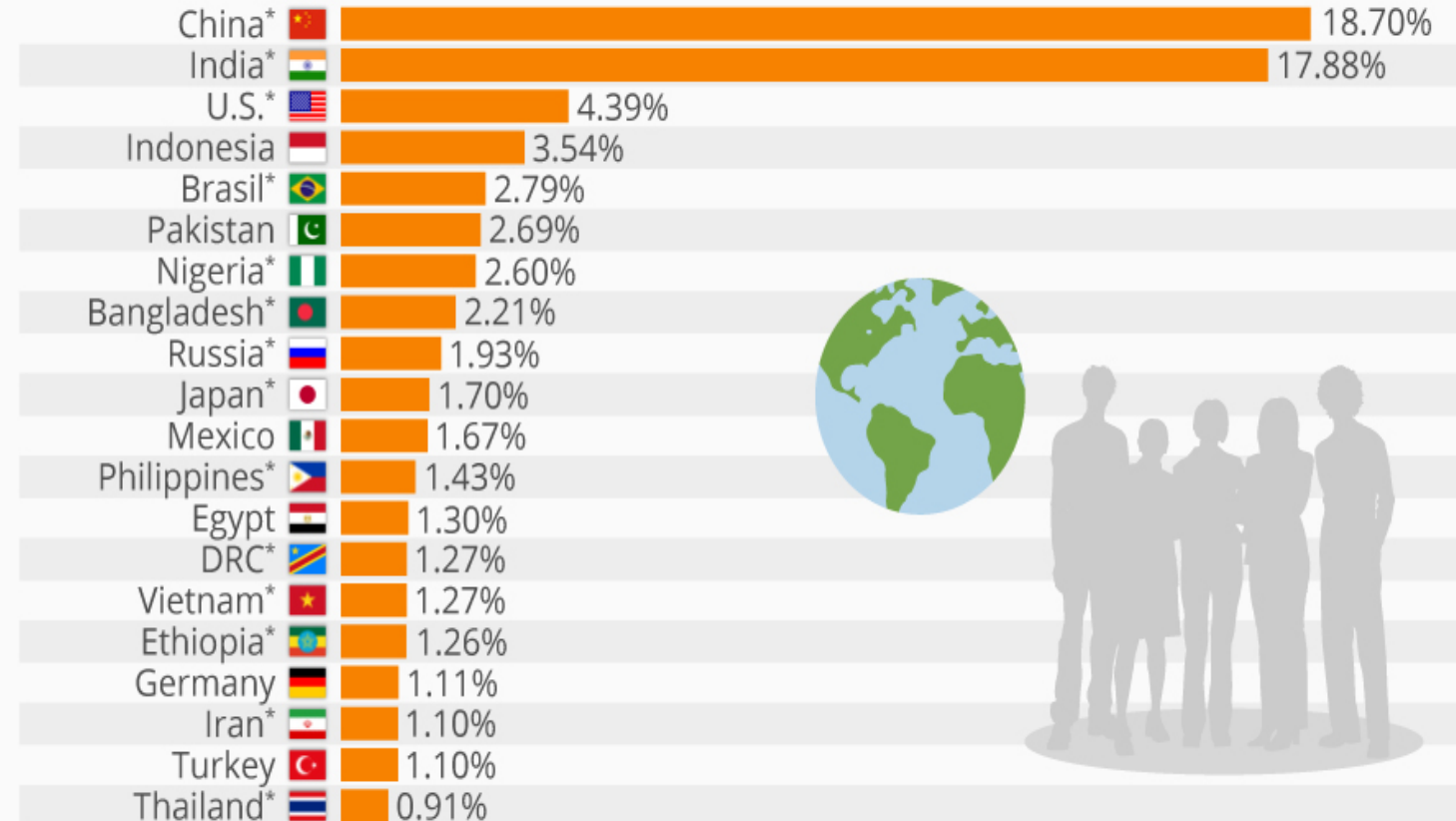


PATTERN OF POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN THE WORLD

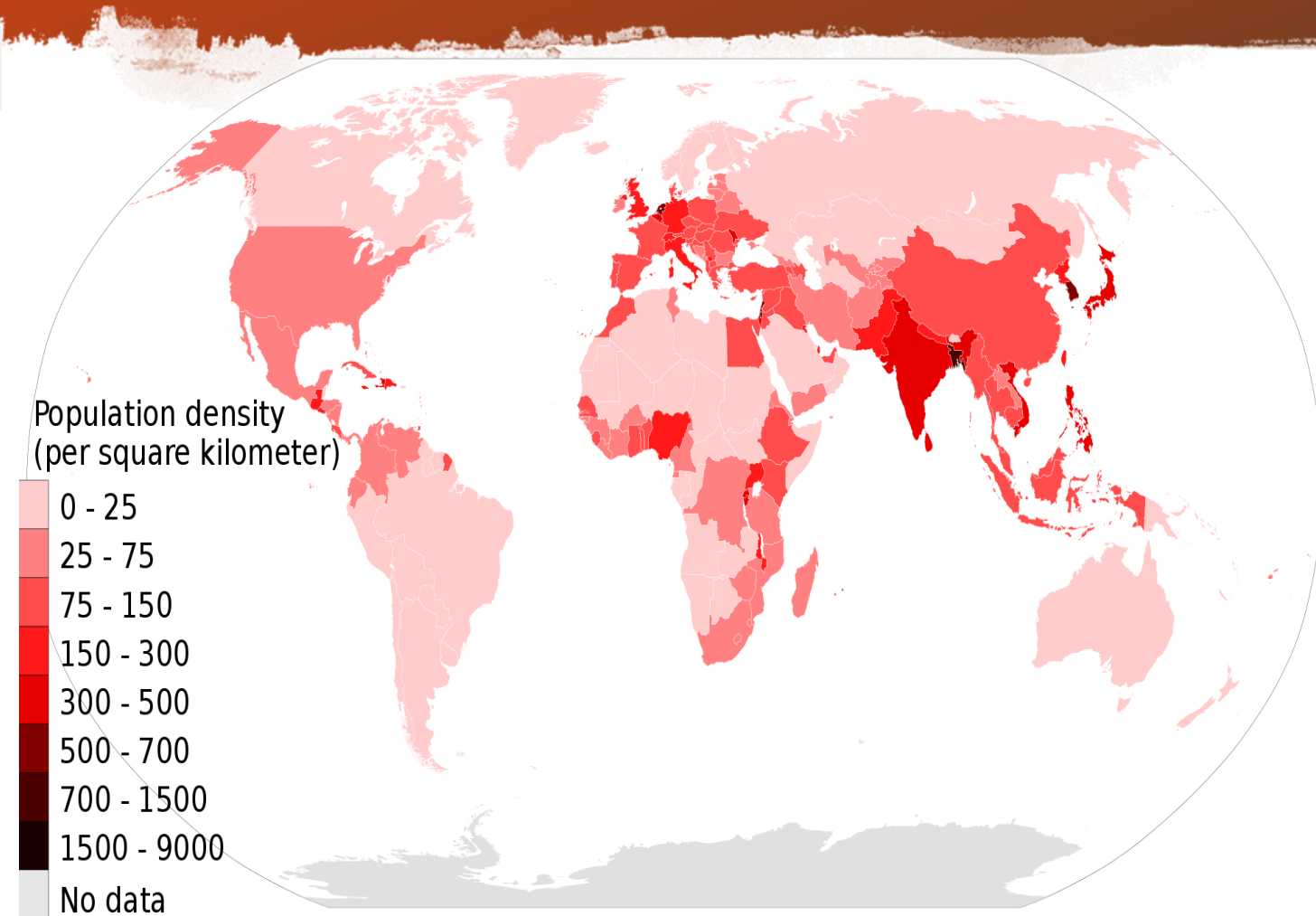
- ❑ Patterns of population distribution and density helps us to understand the demographic characteristics of any area.
- ❑ The most populous country of the world contributes about 60% of the world population.
- ❑ The population distribution within the continents is also not even.

The Most Populous Nations on Earth

Share of the world population by country (2018)



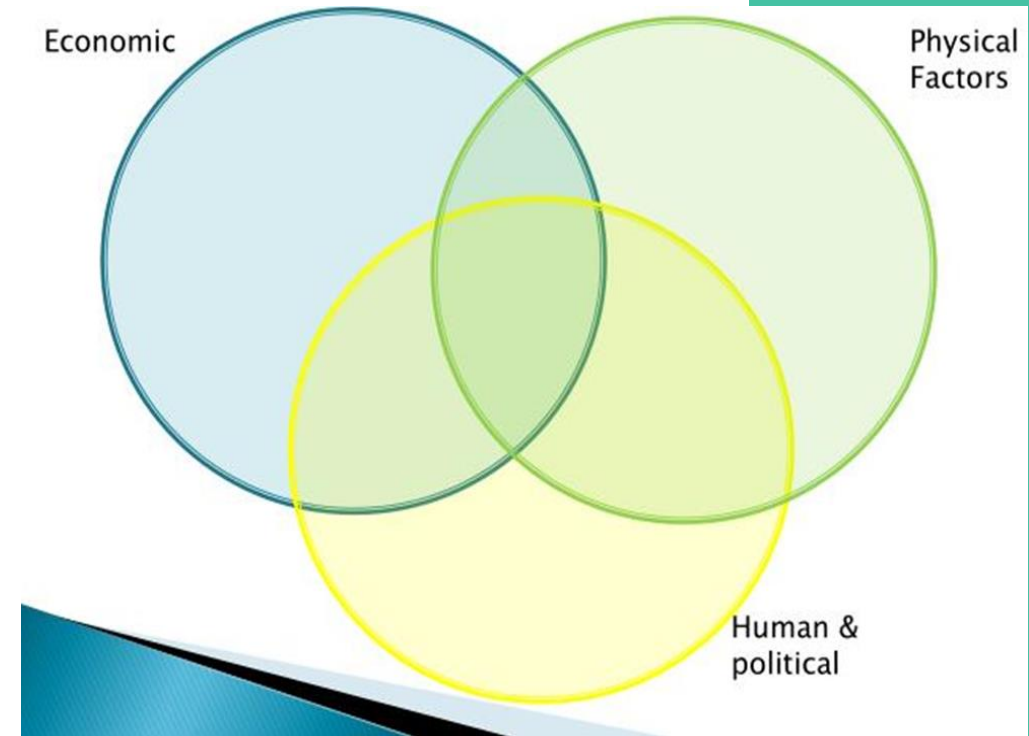
DENSITY OF POPULATION



- ❑ Population density reflects upon the quantitative aspects of population of an area.
- ❑ It expresses the number of people residing per unit of area for a particular region.
- ❑ The world population usually is divided into three density :
 - 1) High density zone
 - 2) Medium density zone and
 - 3) Low density

FACTORS INFLUENCING THE DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION

- ❑ There are several factors which play their roles in this uneven distribution of population on the earth's surface.
- ❑ They can be broadly categorized as :
 - a) Geographical factors
 - b) Economic factors and
 - c) Social and Cultural factors



RECAPITULATION

- ❑ The number of people living in a particular area divided by its geographic area is called Density of Population.
- ❑ The main factors influencing the density of population are relief, climate, soil, minerals vegetation, economic, cultural and social factors.
- ❑ The population of developing countries is rising faster than that of developed countries.
- ❑ On the basis of age structure, the population can be called-young, adults and old.
- ❑ Ability to read and write is known as literacy.