Model Questions - Elements of Societies



I. Geography

- Where is this society located?
- What is the climate like? Are there distinct seasons?
- What kind of vegetation does it have?
- What are the main landforms in this country?
- Does it have arable land? Is there agriculture in this country?
- What natural resources does it have? What are its sources of fresh water?
- How is its population distributed? Is it densely populated?
- Is the population mostly urban or rural? What are its major cities?
- How does the natural environment affect the people's ways of life?
- How are the activities of humans affecting the environment?

II. History

- What are some major events that influence this society to this day?
- Are there wars currently going on in this society?
- Was this society ever a colony of another country? If so, when did it become independent?
- Have any natural disasters happened that still have an effect on life in this society?

III. Politics

- What type of government does this society have?
- What kind of justice system does this society have?
- Is this society democratic? Does this society have free elections?
- Are human rights respected in this society?

IV. Culture

- What are the main ethnic groups in this society?
- Are there indigenous peoples in this society?
- What kind of social organization does this society have (e.g., class system, family structure, etc.)?
- What religions predominate in this society?
- What languages are spoken in this society?
- What are some of the important values of people living in this society?
- Are indigenous peoples in this society preserving their cultures?
- What styles of visual art does this society have?
- How do people express themselves in music and dance?
- What kind of literature does this society have?
- What kind of educational system does this society have?



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- Do most people receive a high school education in this society?
- Is this society losing some aspects of its traditional culture or ways of life? (page 1 of 2)
- How is this society being affected by the cultures of the western developed nations?
- What kinds of homes do people live in? What types of architecture do they have?
- What styles of dress do people wear?
- What types of food do people eat?
- What kinds of celebrations does this society have?
- What types of games do people play? What do people do for leisure activities? What sports do people prefer?

V. Economy

- What types of work do most people in this society do? Are they well-paid?
- Do children in this society work? What do they do?
- Do people have fair working conditions?
- What is the unit of money of this society?
- Are there industries in this country? What do they export or trade?
- How much money does the average family earn per year in this society?
- Is poverty a major concern in this society?
- What is the quality of life like for people in this society?
- Do most people have adequate food, water, and shelter in this society?
- Is there adequate health care in this society?
- What are the major health problems faced by people in this society?
- Does this society depend on aid from more-developed nations?

VI. Technology

- What kinds of tools and technologies are used by people in everyday life and work?
- Do most people have access to televisions, radio, Internet, computers?
- Do most people have access to newspapers and books?
- Does this society produce high-tech products? Which products?
- Are technology and science being used to help increase quality of life in this society (e.g., medical treatments, irrigation, sanitation, etc.)?
- How do most people travel in this society?
- Does this society have a good system of roads? Trains? Airports?