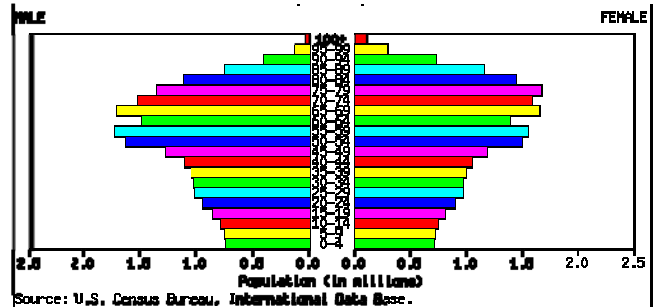
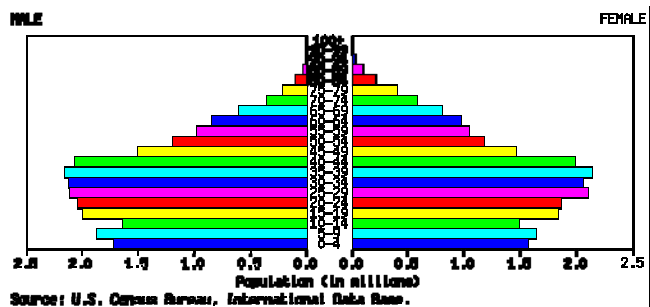


GEOG 106: Fall 2011 Final Exam

Read these BEFORE you proceed further:

- Response is due before noon on Wednesday, Dec 7th
- Answers should be word-processed and double-spaced
 - I will NOT grade handwritten responses
- This is an open-book (well, open-readings), open-notes test.
- The answers should be your own.
 - Thou SHALL NOT consult with anybody
 - Violating this will result in severe penalties
- A well-crafted answer (*per question*) may be articulated in about 500 words
- In developing your answers:
 - **Bring in appropriate keywords/concepts, and evidence from the readings**
 - **When discussing keywords/concepts, do not merely copy/paste them from websites, but explain your understanding of those ideas in your own words.**
 - Provide logical arguments that carefully examine the pros and the cons
 - DO NOT merely provide your reflective opinions
 - Avoid rhetorical statements and metaphors
 - “just the facts, ma’am”
- Pay attention to the mechanics of writing
 - Grammar, spell-check, etc.
 - While I won’t mark your responses down for bad writing, I want you to make use of such opportunities to improve your writing skills, too.
- A staple on the top left corner to hold the sheets together will be enough

1. With appropriate evidence, present an argument that the discussions through the readings related the global flower industry are consistent with the bottom-line in “I, Pencil.”
2. Explain how the article on “Peak Tuna” is an example of the “Tragedy of the Commons.”
3. People seem to express a preference for wind energy, and one could expect then that market forces would meet that demand. Why then is the need for the government subsidies that are discussed in the news article “The Cost of Green?”
4. Why is the concept of distance decay important in understanding spatial interaction? Is distance decay the reason why in the article from the *Economist* we find that the price of cocaine increases with distance from Colombia?
5. The population pyramids for “Absurdistan” are provided below: the left is for the year 2000, and on the right is for 2050. What can you infer from the two graphics about the trends in fertility and birth rates? At what stage of the demographic transition will the country be in 2050, and why?



Have a wonderful break, and a fantastic new year ☺