# Geography – Population and China



# **Demographic Transition Model**

Stage 1: Population remains low because the birth and death rates are high. Example: tribes in the Amazon rainforest

**Stage 2**: Population increases because the death rate decreases, but birth rate remains high. Example: Afghanistan

Stage 3: Population continues to increase because birth rate is still above the death rate (however the birth rate begins to decrease) Example: India, Brazil

**Stage 4**: Population growth slows down because the birth rate and death rate are both low. Example: USA, UK **Stage 5**: Population begins to decrease because the birth rate falls below the death rate. Example: Germany, Italy

# **Key Terms**

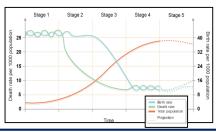
Population = The number of people living in a given area

**Sparsely populated** = Not a lot of people in one place

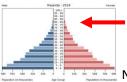
**Densely populated** = lots of people in one place Birth rate = the number of babies born per 1000

**Death rate** = the number of deaths per 1000

people



# Population Pyramids



# LOW INCOME COUNTRY

Wide base = high birth rate Narrow top = high death rate There are more births than deaths, so population will rise.

# HIGH INCOME COUNTRY

Narrow base = low birth rate Wider top = low death rate

This population may experience issues such as an ageing population.



#### One Child Policy

The One Child Policy was introduced to SLOW DOWN POPULATION GROWTH by REDUCING THE BIRTH RATE.

Families were only allowed to have one child – there would be punishments if they had more than one, such as:

- Large fines
- Women forced into having abortions
- No passport issued for the children

# Beijing

# **Opportunities**

Air pollution (smog) causes people to get ill Traffic congestionlots of people drive around Beijing Overcrowded public transport

**Challenges** 

Air pollution towers built to clean the air Congestion charges and rules about cars in the city Metro lines have been expanded

# Consequences of the policy

- Gender imbalance couples would favour having a boy so baby girls were more likely to be aborted – this means there are now more men than women in China
- **Granny police** elderly people were used as spies within communities to check if couples were having more than one baby - this created distrust in communities
- Families would spoil their one child which led to an increase in childhood obesity.

# Controversy in China

- **Diluting ethnic minorities** Uyghur Muslims taken to thought transformation camps
- 2. Capital punishment the death penalty is given for crimes such as murder, bribery and robbery
- 3. The Great Firewall of China many social media apps, such as Snapchat and Instagram, are blocked in China



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#### Maths Skills

# CALCULATE:

# **MEAN** (average)

Add up all the values, then divide by how many values there are

### RANGE

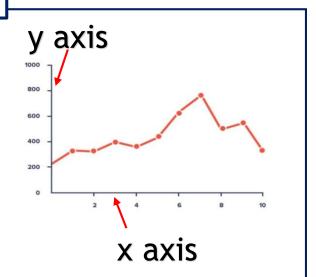
Take the smallest value away from the largest value

# **MODE**

Find the value that appears the most

#### **MEDIAN**

Order the values from smallest to largest, then find the value that is in the middle of the list



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# Catholic Social Teaching

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