World Geography

Module 3, Lesson 7

Interpreting a Population Pyramid

Answer the following questions based upon the corresponding population pyramids:

Philippines (1997):

- 1. Which age group has the highest number of males?
- 2. How are the male and female population graphs different?
- 3. What does the population pyramid tell us about the population?
- 4. What are the implications, suggested by the population pyramid, on future government spending in ______? (Hint: should the governments spend its money on education as a result of high birth rates; should the government spend more on health care for the elderly?)

Kuwait (2010):

- 1. Which age group has the highest percentage of females?
- 2. How are the male and female population graphs different?
- 3. Which age group has the highest percentage of males?
- 4. Does this government need to spend more money on educating children or work programs? Explain your answer.

France & India

- 1. What is the shape of the France pyramid?
- 2. What is the shape of the India pyramid?
- 3. What does the difference in shapes say about the difference in population for each country?
- 4. Which country should focus more on providing access to birth control for its citizens? Explain your answer.