

Questions 53–55 refer to the following image.



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53. Based on the map, which of the following statements most accurately reflects world population growth at the end of the twentieth century?
- (A) Because of declining mortality rates, India, Egypt, and the Philippines are experiencing the world’s highest rate of population growth.
- (B) Population growth is highest in the United States and western Europe because of greater wealth and the abundance of health facilities.
- (C) Although China has the largest population, its growth rate is slower than that of all other nations except the United States and Nigeria.
- (D) The highest rates of population growth are occurring in the world’s poorest nations of Latin America, Africa, and Asia.
54. Which of the following may have allowed for the population growth rates displayed on the map?
- (A) Increasing rate of globalization and economic interdependency
- (B) Improvements in nutrition and innovations in medical practices
- (C) International political organizations, such as the United Nations
- (D) Persistence of diseases related to poverty, such as malaria
55. What might explain the reason for a low or negative population growth rate in nations such as Germany and the United States?
- (A) Declining birth rates in industrialized nations as a result of greater access to birth control
- (B) A shift in global migration patterns away from industrialized nations
- (C) Improvements in communications technology made migration to these areas unnecessary
- (D) Changes in lifestyle that led to new types of diseases, such as diabetes and heart disease

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END OF SECTION I, PART A

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