**POPULATION PYRAMIDS**

Exercises:

*Step 1:* The U.S. Census Bureau’s International Data Base (IDB) allows you to obtain

population pyramids for selected countries. Following the instructions below, find

and print population pyramids for three countries that are different from one

another.

Online IDB Population Pyramids

a) Go to URL http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/idb/

b) Click on “Data”

c) Select a country and choose year 2012, then click on population pyramid

d) Copy the images to MS-Word for later printing.

*Step 2:* Accompany your country population pyramids with a couple of paragraphs

commenting on the shape of the respective pyramids and by reflecting on the

following questions:

*a.)* What does the shape of a pyramid indicate about its patterns of fertility

and mortality?

*b.)* What are the differences between the three pyramids that you have

selected? Be sure to comment on age ratio, gender ratio, and

dependency ratio.

*c.)* What is currently happening with the population of your country?

Give your possible explanations for the patterns you see in terms of its

statistics and population pyramid.

*d.)* What stage of the demographic transition model is your country in?

*e.)* What predictions do you have for your country’s future – Will they be

able to move to a different stage of the demographic transition model?

Give specific details to support your predictions?

*Step 3:* Prepare a 1-2page sheet to be put in your notebook. Your

sheets should contains your pyramid and your summary paragraphs.