

Class X - Social Science

DEVELOPMENT

# CBSE NOTES

## DEVELOPMENT - Quick Look Revision Guide

*Your 1-page summary of the most exam-relevant takeaways from Understanding Economic Development.*



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# Key Points

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## 1. Define Development with an example.

Development refers to the progress in economic, social, and political aspects of a country. For example, better education and healthcare facilities signify development.

## 2. Different people have different developmental goals.

People's aspirations vary based on their needs and circumstances. A farmer may want better irrigation, while a student may desire quality education.

## 3. Income is a common but incomplete measure of development.

While higher income can lead to better living standards, it doesn't guarantee non-material aspects like freedom or security.

## 4. Per Capita Income = Total Income / Total Population.

This formula helps compare economic status of countries by averaging income per person, highlighting disparities.

## 5. High-income countries are called developed countries.

Countries with per capita income above \$49,300 (as of 2019) are classified as developed, like the USA.

## 6. India is a low middle-income country.

With a per capita income of \$6700 in 2019, India struggles with income inequality and development challenges.

## **7. Public facilities are crucial for development.**

Access to healthcare, education, and clean water improves quality of life beyond what income can buy.

## **8. Kerala excels in health and education despite lower income.**

Kerala's high literacy rate and low infant mortality show development isn't solely income-dependent.

## **9. Human Development Index (HDI) measures overall development.**

HDI considers life expectancy, education, and per capita income to rank countries holistically.

## **10. Sustainability ensures future generations' needs are met.**

Overusing resources like groundwater can lead to scarcity, emphasizing the need for sustainable practices.

## **11. Non-renewable resources like crude oil are finite.**

With reserves lasting ~50 years, alternative energy sources are vital for long-term development.

## **12. Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) reflects healthcare quality.**

Lower IMR, like Kerala's 7 per 1000, indicates better healthcare access and nutrition.

## **13. Literacy Rate measures educational access.**

Higher literacy, as in Kerala (94%), correlates with better employment opportunities and societal progress.

#### **14. Net Attendance Ratio shows school participation.**

A high ratio indicates effective education policies and societal value placed on schooling.

#### **15. Gender equality is a key developmental goal.**

Equal opportunities for women in education and work enhance societal development and dignity.

#### **16. Collective provision of goods can be more efficient.**

Public schools and hospitals serve many at lower costs than individual private solutions.

#### **17. Development requires democratic participation.**

Inclusive decision-making ensures diverse needs are met, fostering equitable progress.

#### **18. Environmental degradation affects all.**

Pollution and resource depletion cross borders, requiring global cooperation for sustainability.

#### **19. Body Mass Index (BMI) indicates nutritional status.**

$BMI = \text{Weight (kg)} / (\text{Height (m)})^2$ . It helps assess undernutrition or obesity in populations.

#### **20. Conflicting developmental goals need balancing.**

Industrial growth vs. environmental protection requires policies that harmonize both objectives.

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