

The Slovak Republic – Revision questions 4

Population

1. What historical period is known for the first settling of Slovakia?
2. Name at least 2 nations occupying this territory during the Ancient times.
3. What century did the Slavs come to the lands of Slovakia?
4. Describe the inner colonization of the Slovak lands.
5. Describe the outer colonization of the Slovak lands.
6. What is Walachian colonization? What is its result?
7. Give at least 2 reasons of population decrease until the 20th century.
8. What is the baby boom about?
9. What is the number of inhabitants in Slovakia nowadays?
10. Give the average population density of Slovakia.
11. Describe the population distribution.
12. Give at least 3 factors which influence the population density thus distribution.
13. Compare the population density of a lowland and hollow basin selected by you.
14. Has the population growth rate increased since the 1950? Why?
15. Why is the year 2001 significant in the sociological point of view?
16. Give 3 examples of districts with the highest birth rate.
17. Give 3 examples of districts with the lowest birth rate.
18. Give 3 examples of districts with the highest death rate.
19. Give 3 examples of districts with the lowest death rate.
20. What is the pattern of natural increase about?
21. What is the pattern of natural decrease about?
22. Analyze the population age structure.
23. What is the average life expectancy? Is it short or long?
24. What is the average age median? What does it express?
25. What is the share of the workforce from the total population according to the latest census?
26. When did the last 3 censuses take place?
27. Compare the migration patterns in Slovakia during the recent period and in the past.
28. When and where did people leave Slovakia the most in the past? Why?
29. Which districts in Slovakia experience the highest unemployment rates? Why is it like that?
30. According to the last census, which economic sectors employ majority of the workforce?
31. What economic shift has been felt by assessing the employment in Slovakia since 1990s?
32. What is the proportion of the Slovaks from the total population according to the last census?
33. Which ethnic minorities are the most populous? Describe their distribution.
34. Do you think problems with Hungarian minority are real? Why do you think so?
35. Propose at least 2 constructive suggestions how to solve the Roma (Gypsy) problem in Slovakia, if possible.
36. Do you think the Slovaks and the Czechs should have split in 1993?
37. Which religious groups are the most prevalent in Slovakia?
38. Do you think Slovakia has typical Christian roots?
39. Do you think Slovakia will move towards more secular or religious country?
40. Would you accept the construction of brand new Muslim mosque in the place of your residence? Why?

Settlements

41. How many towns are to be found in Slovakia?
42. Does the urban population prevail in Slovakia?
43. Name the 2 cities and locate them on the map.
44. Name the 3 most populous towns in Slovakia behind the 2 cities.
45. Give an example of medium-sized towns.
46. Explain why urban areas are so significant for the people.
47. What other functions do towns provide for the people?
48. Give an example of town declared thanks to its special function.
49. Which towns do have their central ground plan declared as a historical town reserve?
50. What era do the panel blocks of flats come from?
51. Give an example of the compact commune.
52. Characterize the compact commune.
53. What has been the main function of compact communes?
54. Give an example of mining commune/hamlet.
55. Characterize the second homes.
56. Give an example of typical cottage (recreational) hamlet.
57. Characterize the dispersed settlements.
58. What sort of colonization has resulted in the formation of dispersed settlements? When did it take place?
59. Name a region where so-called “kopanice” can be found in.
60. Name a the region where so-called “lazy” can be found in.
61. Name a region where so-called “rále” can be found in.
62. Name a region where so-called “štále” can be found in.