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*World in the Balance*

**India**

1. What is the difference between north and south India? On average, how many children does a woman in Udder Pradesh have?

2. Who has the most choice in a woman’s reproductive life in India?

3. Why are men so highly valued to parents? How are women viewed when they are married?

4. In traditional Indian society what are most marriages like? How old are people when they get married?

5. What does the age structure of India’s population look like? Are elders or youth at the bottom?

6. What is bride burning? Why does it happen?

7. Why are there so many more men than women in India?

8. What is the Better Life Program? What types of things does it teach young women?

9. What sorts of problems are being caused by population growth in India?

**Japan**

10. How many children do women in Japan have on average? How will this shrink the population?

11. What are parasite singles? What do they do?

12. What do women in Japan think about starting a family? Are they in a hurry?

13. Why do so many women work when they start a family? Are they in a hurry?

14. Who cares for the elders of Japan? Why? Is the government doing anything to help?

15. How does a lack of consumers affect an aging country like Japan?

**United States**

16. What helps the United States’ population grow, despite a low birth rate?

**Africa**

17. What types of environment problems are occurring in Africa due to population increase? Why?

18. What effect has the Family Planning program had in Kenya?

19. Why has the death rate increased in Africa? What was the effect on Florence and her family? How does she earn a living?

20. What does the age pyramid look like in Africa? Where do many children have to live?

21. What is a microbicide? What do we hope that it can do?

22. Why are so many illegal abortions attempted?

23. What can happen with money once spent on children in countries where fertility falls?

24. What can happen to the population if women have an average of 2.5 children worldwide, rather than 2?