

A high-angle, wide shot of a massive, dense crowd of people, likely at a festival or concert. The crowd is composed of individuals of various ages and ethnicities, filling the entire frame. The lighting is somewhat dim, suggesting an evening or indoor setting. Overlaid on the center of the image is white, hand-drawn style text.

7 Billion:
Where do you
Stand?
{Human Population

How many people are
there on Earth today?

Almost 7.5 Billion



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GOLDEN AGE OF INDIA

Questions

1. Because our population has reached seven billion people and continues to grow, we need to expand land area available for living and growing food by cutting down the rainforest.

Questions

2. Without reducing rapid population growth, it will be impossible to solve the world's global challenges.



Questions

3. With more than 7 billion people commuting from one place to another, drilling for more oil is necessary to fuel more cars.



Questions

An aerial photograph of a large agricultural field with rows of green crops. A blue tractor is driving through the field, pulling a long spray boom that is releasing a fine mist of white liquid onto the plants. The perspective is from a high angle, looking down at the tractor and the rows of crops stretching into the distance.

4. In order to feed our population, we must use pesticides, chemical fertilizers, and genetically modified crops to increase farm yields.

Questions

5. With new technologies used to gather fish, we must have international laws to ensure seafood is harvested sustainably.

Questions

A vibrant, crowded street scene at night, likely in India. The street is filled with people, many of whom are sitting on the ground. Several yellow taxis are visible, moving through the crowd. The background is filled with illuminated signs and buildings, creating a sense of a bustling urban environment. The overall atmosphere is one of intense activity and density.

6. The Earth can support over 7 billion people now and will be able to support any number of human in the future.

Questions

7. In an effort to feed a population of over 7 billion, people in developed countries should reduce the amount of meat they consume.

Questions

8. Science and technology will ensure that food production and energy supplies keep up with the demands of a growing population.

Questions

A black and white photograph of a polar bear and two cubs in a snowy environment. The adult bear is on the left, looking towards the left. Two cubs are sitting in front of it, one looking towards the camera and the other looking to the right.

9. With human population over 7 billion, we must protect endangered species habitats by not developing on them for any reason.

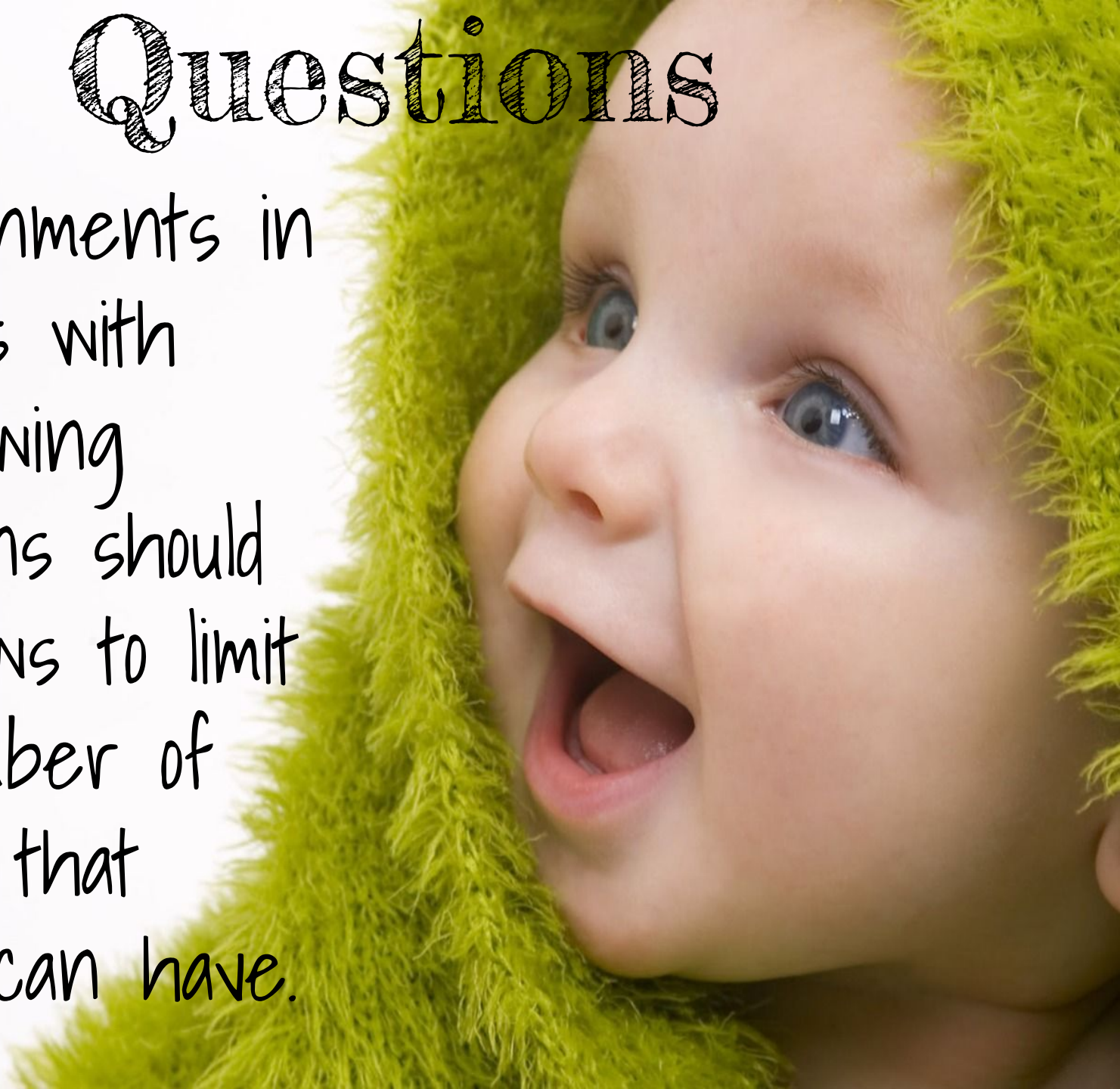
Questions

10. There is nothing I can do to help alleviate population pressures.



Questions

11. Governments in countries with fast-growing populations should make laws to limit the number of children that couples can have.



Questions

12. In a real crunch, jobs are more important than environmental quality.

Questions

A photograph of a body of water heavily polluted with plastic waste. The water is dark and filled with various pieces of trash, including plastic bottles, caps, and other debris. The scene is a stark representation of water pollution.

13. With over 7 billion people on the planet, water pollution is inevitable and we should not waste money trying to prevent it.

Questions

14. Even though I am only one person in 7 billion, I still have a responsibility to keep the Earth healthy; what I do makes a difference.



Questions

15. Automobile makers in this country should be required by law to make all their vehicles fuel efficient, even though the vehicles may become more expensive.

Questions

16. If China and India can each take care of over a billion people on relatively the same size land as the U.S., then the U.S. should accept immigrants until it reaches a billion people as well.

Questions



17. All high schools should be prohibited from distributing contraceptives to students under age 18.

Questions

18. Arable land should never be used for housing, businesses, or other non-agricultural uses because we need all available farmable land to produce food.

What did you answer?

1. Re-answer all 18 questions.
 - Strongly agree, Agree, ???, Disagree, Strongly Disagree
2. Compare your new answers to your original answers.
 - Explain why your answer changed or did not change, for each question.
3. If you did not answer the original question, explain why you provided that answer for each question.