AP Human Geography FRQs – Economic Development

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3. According to the Rostow model, countries move through the following five stages of economic development:
   Stage 1: Traditional
   Stage 2: Preconditions for takeoff
   Stage 3: Takeoff
   Stage 4: Drive to maturity
   Stage 5: High mass consumption

   Explain the usefulness of the model in understanding contemporary social and economic change with reference to any THREE of the following:
   (a) A country’s role in the world economy
   (b) Colonial transportation networks
   (c) Cultural differences
   (d) Local social and class structures

   Be sure to support your answers with examples from any of the following regions:
   Latin America
   Sub-Saharan Africa
   South Asia

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Discuss THREE ways in which the concept of core-periphery relations helps explain the development of the urban systems shown to the right. Be sure to use evidence from both maps to support each of your conclusions.
The map shows the main maquiladora centers in Mexico in the year 2000.

A. Define maquiladora

B. Refer to the map to the left to explain the spatial distribution of maquiladoras within Mexico.

C. Discuss FOUR factors that explain why Mexico has emerged as an important location in the current global system of industrial organization.

3. The population pyramids above represent two countries at different stages of the demographic transition and economic development.

A. Explain the demographic characteristics of each country above with respect to the demographic transition model.

B. Discuss ONE positive impact of EACH country’s population structure on its economic development.

C. Discuss ONE negative impact of EACH country’s population structure on its economic development.
1. The map and table above show the geographic location, population growth, and projected growth of Mexico’s most populous cities.

A. Define the following terms and describe how each relates to Mexico’s urban geography.

- Primate city
- Rank-size rule

B. Explain TWO positive effects of primate cities on a country’s economic development and TWO different negative effects of primate cities on a country’s economic development.