

Food Insecurity in the History of religion, Political, and Economic Thought

1. In Islam and Christianity food is a religious symbol.
 - True
 - False

2. In Islam and Christianity, famines are associated with punishment.
 - True
 - False

3. Economic policy with regards to food does not appear in the bible.
 - True
 - False

4. The Greek recognized the uniqueness of food and therefore liberalized food markets.
 - True
 - False

5. How is Malthusian growth pessimism described best?
 - Population will eventually outgrow the available productive capacity.
 - Population growth occurs linearly.
 - Agricultural production happens exponentially.
 - None of the above.

6. Ricardo's Theory of Comparative Advantage states that:
 - Population growth occurs exponentially.
 - Agricultural production is subject to diminishing returns.
 - All countries participating in international trade benefit from its gains.
 - None of the above.

7. In a dual economy, a green revolution frees up _____, increases _____, lowers _____, and allows for a greater expansion of manufacturing.

8. Which of the following is not an assumption of Giffen behavior?
 - There must be a point at which extra bread consumption has zero marginal utility.
 - The consumer must not be calorie deprived but operate above the minimum subsistence level.
 - The consumer operates below the minimum subsistence level.
 - The consumer must be poor, but not extremely poor.

Self-Assessment

9. Giffen behavior can be explained using a _____.
- Cobb-Douglas Utility Function
 - Stone-Geary Utility Function
 - Modified Leontief-Utility Function
 - None of the above.
10. Engel's law is the observation that:
- As household income decreases, the share of income spent on food decreases.
 - As household income decreases, the share of income spent on food is constant.
 - As household income increases, the share of income spent on food decreases.
 - As household income increases, the share of income spent on food increases.
11. Engel's law can be explained using a _____.
- Cobb-Douglas Utility Function
 - Stone-Geary Utility Function
 - Modified Leontief-Utility Function
 - None of the above.