## Text 6

**Read and translate the text. Answer the questions.**

## Motives for development

The field of development [economics](https://www.britannica.com/topic/economics) is concerned with the causes of underdevelopment and with policies that may accelerate the rate of growth of per capita income. While these two concerns are related to each other, it is possible to devise policies that are likely to accelerate growth (through, for example, an analysis of the experiences of other developing countries) without fully understanding the causes of underdevelopment.

Studies of both the causes of underdevelopment and of policies and actions that may accelerate development are undertaken for a variety of reasons. There are those who are concerned with the developing countries on humanitarian grounds; that is, with the problem of helping the people of these countries to attain certain minimum material standards of [living](https://www.britannica.com/topic/standard-of-living) in terms of such factors as food, clothing, shelter, and [nutrition](https://www.britannica.com/science/nutrition). For them, low per capita income is the measure of the problem of poverty in a material sense. The aim of economic development is to improve the material standards of living by raising the absolute level of per capita incomes. Raising per capita incomes is also a stated objective of policy of the governments of all developing countries. For policymakers and economists attempting to achieve their governments’ objectives, therefore, an understanding of economic development, especially in its policy dimensions, is important. Finally, there are those who are concerned with economic development either because they believe it is what people in developing countries want or because they believe that political stability can be assured only with satisfactory rates of economic growth. These motives are not mutually [exclusive](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/exclusive). Since World War II many industrial countries have extended [foreign aid](https://www.britannica.com/topic/foreign-aid) to developing countries for a combination of humanitarian and political reasons.

**Questions:**

1. What is the field of [economics](https://www.britannica.com/topic/economics) development concerned with?
2. Are there any reasons for the studies of the causes of underdevelopment and of the actions that may accelerate development?
3. How do you understand the humanitarian grounds as a criterion for a developing country?
4. What is the aim of an economic development?
5. Raising per capita incomes is a stated objective of policy of the governments of all developing countries, isn’t it? Comment on it.