ISTEP

Social Studies
Grade 7

GDP

Practice Set 2
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Describe TWO ways the standard of living of countries with a higher GDP per capita may differ from the standard of living of those countries with a lower GDP per capita.

1) Higher standard living countries are able to get more food.
2) They also have better housing developments.
Describe TWO actions that a country with a low GDP per capita might take to increase its GDP per capita.

1) They could sell oil.

2) They could also export more food.

4 pts

Task 1:
1) Contains one correct way *(Higher Standard living countries are able to get more food)* (rubric addendum better food).

2) Contains one correct way *(better houseing)* (rubric bullet better housing).

Task 2:
1) Contains one correct action *(They could sell oil)* (rubric bullet explore for more natural resources). This statement does not specify exporting oil and can refer to increasing use of natural resources.

2) Contains one correct action *(export more food)* (rubric bullet trade with other countries).
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Describe TWO ways the standard of living of countries with a higher GDP per capita may differ from the standard of living of those countries with a lower GDP per capita.

1) Higher standards of living have better food and cleaner water.

2) Higher standards of living have better houses and clothes.
Describe TWO actions that a country with a low GDP per capita might take to increase its GDP per capita.

1) That country might grow more or different crops.

2) They might find more available jobs for people.

**4 pts**

Task 1:
1) Contains two correct ways *Higher Standards living have better food and cleaner water* (rubric addendum better food, rubric bullet sanitation).

2) Contains one correct way *(better houses)* (rubric bullet better housing).

Task 2:
1) Contains one correct action *(grow more or different crops)* (rubric addendum grow different crops).

2) Contains one correct action *(find more available jobs for people)* (rubric bullet create jobs).
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Describe TWO ways the standard of living of countries with a higher GDP per capita may differ from the standard of living of those countries with a lower GDP per capita.

1) The higher countries might have better housing.
2) The higher countries might have better water.
Describe two actions that a country with a low GDP per capita might take to increase its GDP per capita.

1) Lower countries might bring in more jobs.

2) Lower countries might raise taxes.

3 pts

Task 1:
1) Contains one correct way *(have better housing)* (rubric bullet better housing).

2) Contain one correct way *(have better water)* (rubric bullet sanitation).

Task 2:
1) Contains one correct action *(might bring in more jobs)* (rubric bullet create jobs).

2) Does not contain a correct action *(raise taxes)*. This is not an action that will increase per capita GDP.
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Describe TWO ways the standard of living of countries with a higher GDP per capita may differ from the standard of living of those countries with a lower GDP per capita.

1) **If you have a higher GDP then you can live in a better place or afford nice stuff.**

2) **If you have a low GDP you could be forced to live in a poor place.**
Describe TWO actions that a country with a low GDP per capita might take to increase its GDP per capita.

1) The country with a low GDP might want to borrow money from the country with a high GDP.
2) The country with a low GDP could want to do trading business with the high GDP.

Task 1:
1) Contains one correct way (you can live in a better place or afford nicer stuff) (rubric bullet better housing).

2) Does not receive additional credit (a low GDP you could be forced to live in a poor place). This is the reverse of the above bullet (better housing) and so cannot be credited.

Task 2:
1) Contains one correct action (The country with a low GDP might want to borrow money from the country with a high GDP) (rubric addendum borrow money from other countries). This is similar to the “encourage foreign investment” bullet.

2) Contains one correct action (do trading business with the high GDP) (rubric bullet trade).
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Describe TWO ways the standard of living of countries with a higher GDP per capita may differ from the standard of living of those countries with a lower GDP per capita.

1) **Countries with more money can afford** better things.

2) **Higher countries can have more money** to have food and shelter.
Describe TWO actions that a country with a low GDP per capita might take to increase its GDP per capita.

1) They couldn't afford food.

2) They couldn't afford shelter.

2 pts

Task 1:
1) Contains one correct way (can afford better things) (rubric bullet greater wealth).

2) Contains two correct ways (more money to have food and shelter) (rubric addendum better food, rubric bullet better housing).

Task 2:
1) Does not contain a correct action (They couldn’t afford food) This is not an action that will increase per capita GDP.

2) Does not contain a correct action (They couldn’t afford shelter). This is not an action that will increase per capita GDP.
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Describe TWO ways the standard of living of countries with a higher GDP per capita may differ from the standard of living of those countries with a lower GDP per capita.

1) **nicer houses**

2) **better hospitals and school**
Describe TWO actions that a country with a low GDP per capita might take to increase its GDP per capita.

1) **Limit the amount of product people can buy**

2) **Not buy as much**

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**2 pts**

**Task 1:**
1) Contains one correct way (*Nicer houses*) (rubric bullet better housing).

2) Contains two correct ways (*better hospitals and School*) (rubric bullets better health care system and better education system).

**Task 2:**
1) Does not contain a correct action (*limit the amount... people can buy*). This is not an action that will increase per capita GDP.

2) Does not contain a correct action (*not buy as much*). This is not an action that will increase per capita GDP.
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Describe TWO ways the standard of living of countries with a higher GDP per capita may differ from the standard of living of those countries with a lower GDP per capita.

1) Higher may mean they are richer.

2) Lower may mean they are poorer than the higher.
Describe TWO actions that a country with a low GDP per capita might take to increase its GDP per capita.

1) Make more factories.

2) Cut back on workers and have them work longer hours.

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2 pts

Task 1:
1) Contains one correct way (*they are richer*) (rubric bullet greater wealth).

2) Does not receive additional credit (*Lower may mean they are poorer than the higher*). This reflects the same bullet (greater wealth) and so cannot be credited.

Task 2:
1) Contains one correct action (*Make for factories*) (rubric bullet increase manufacturing).

2) Does not contain a correct action (*Cut back on workers…work longer hours*). This is not an action that will increase per capita GDP.
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Describe TWO ways the standard of living of countries with a higher GDP per capita may differ from the standard of living of those countries with a lower GDP per capita.

1) **Higher GDP means their richer and have more stuff.**

2) **They have different ways to handle their money.**
Describe TWO actions that a country with a low GDP per capita might take to increase its GDP per capita.

1) Save more money instead of wasting it.

2) Stop expensive building processes so they don’t waste the money.

1 pt

Task 1:
1) Contains one correct way (their richer) (rubric bullet greater wealth).

2) Does not contain a correct way (different ways to handle their money).

Task 2:
1) Does not contain one correct action (Save more money). For credit, the response needs to go one step further and refer to increased investment (see paper A5).

2) Does not contain a correct action (Stop expensive building process…don’t waste money). This is not clear and lacks detail.
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Describe TWO ways the standard of living of countries with a higher GDP per capita may differ from the standard of living of those countries with a lower GDP per capita.

1) **They got lower in GDP per capita.**

2) **It got lower because it went 38,100 to 34,200 to 6,000 to 1,500 so GDP per capita got lower.**
Describe TWO actions that a country with a low GDP per capita might take to increase its GDP per capita.

1) Bangladesh was the lowest

2) It was the lowest because 38,100, 34,200, 6,000, 4,500 are all higher than 1,500

0 pts

Task 1:
1) Does not contain a correct way (They got lower in GDP per capita).

2) Does not contain a correct way. Response simply pulls numbers from the table.

Task 2:
1) Does not contain a correct action (Bangladesh has the lowest). Offers one fact from the table.

2) Does not contain a correct action. Response simply pulls numbers from the table.
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Describe TWO ways the standard of living of countries with a higher GDP per capita may differ from the standard of living of those countries with a lower GDP per capita.

1) I think the higher will start to go down because they won't have much land.
2) Or maybe it will stay the same.
Describe TWO actions that a country with a low GDP per capita might take to increase its GDP per capita.

1) The USA might go up.

2) Maybe even Canada.

0 pts

Task 1:
1) Does not contain a correct way that the standards of living differ (the higher will start to go down because the won’t have much land).

2) Does not contain a correct way (Or maybe it will stay the same).

Task 2:
1) Does not contain a correct action (The USA might go up).

2) Does not contain a correct action. (Maybe even Canada).