Checkpoint Questions

Chapter 20: Sustainability, Economics, and Equity

CPQ 20-1

1. What is sustainability?
2. What are some of the variables associated with well-being? Which can be measured directly? Which are harder to measure?

CPQ 20-2

1. How do the laws of supply and demand influence the price of a good or service?
2. How do GPI and the Kuznets curve address the shortcomings of GDP as a measurement of a country’s well-being?
3. What is microlending and how does it improve the lives of people and the environment in developing nations?

CPQ 20-3

1. What is capital? Name three types of capital.
2. What do environmental and ecological economics add to the study of economics?
3. What are the features of a sustainable economic system?

CPQ 20-4

1. How might an environmental worldview influence environmental policy or regulations?
2. How does the precautionary principle relate to scientific uncertainty?
3. What are the major world agencies that are concerned with the environment? Describe their functions.

CPQ 20-5

1. What is the human development index (HDI)? How is it used?
2. How do major environmental regulations help move the United States towards sustainability?
3. How are deterrents and incentives used in environmental policy? Give examples of each.

CPQ 20-6

1. What is the connection between poverty and inequity?
2. What is environmental justice? Give an example.
3. What are some of the potential conflicts between human well-being and environmental protection?