Human Wellbeing Activity

1. Explain why the following indicators are useful for measuring human wellbeing in different countries around the world:

a. Quality of infrastructure:

b. Child mortality rate:

c. Life expectancy:

d. Unemployment rate:

e. Primary school enrolment rate:

f. Access to electricity (% population):

2. Rank the above indicators from 1-6 (1 being most important, 6 being least important) based on which you think are most important for measuring human wellbeing. Justify your rankings.

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The table below contains the seven countries that the largest number of refugees are fleeing from. Australia is also included for comparison. The following report contains profiles for all countries (starting on page 79): http://sdgindex.org/assets/files/2018/01%20SDGS%20GLOBAL%20EDITION%20WEB%20V9%20180718.pdf The report has statistics for all of the indicators in the table below, except for the Human Development Index, $GDP/capita and Population Growth. These three statistics can be found on the gapminder website: www.gapminder.org/tools. For assistance with using Gapminder, see the 'Gapminder Guide'. Using the resources in the report above, complete the table.

	AUSTRALIA	SYRIA	AFGHANISTAN	SOUTH SUDAN	MYANMAR	SOMALIA	SUDAN	DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO
QUALITY OF INFRASTRUCTURE (SCALE 1-7)								
CHILD MORTALITY RATE, UNDER 5 (PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS)								
HEALTHY LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH (YEARS)								
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)								
NET PRIMARY SCHOOL ENROLMENT RATE (%)								
ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY (% POPULATION)								
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX								
$GDP/CAPITA								
POPULATION GROWTH (ANNUAL %)								

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The Human Development Index (HDI) is thought to be an effective way to measure overall human wellbeing in a country. Based on the HDI for each country in the table, rank the countries from best to worst.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

7.

8.

Based on all of the other indicators in the table, do you agree with this ranking? Why? If you don't agree, what would you change and why?

Choose two of the countries from the table (not Australia) and, using the Asylum Seeker and Refugee fact book and your own research, explain the economic, social, technological, political or environmental causes of the country's low scores in human wellbeing indicators.

Country 1:

Causes:

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Country 2:

Causes:

Based on the data in the table, is there any relationship between population growth and human wellbeing? If so, what is the relationship?