

20.(a) Study the map extract (Slide 6A). From the evidence of this map what are the attractions and amenities offered to senior citizens?

(b) What map evidence is there to indicate that the Okanagan offers broader attractions to all age groups and tourists?

(c) Produce a sketch map of the map extract and mark on the sketch map those factors and/or facilities which, in your opinion, would attract people to settle in the Okanagan valley.

(d) What climatic evidence have you to substantiate the evidence of the map?

There is considerable indication of the recreation resources and amenities of the Okanagan valley shown on the map. Moreover, the climatic data show that the Okanagan is not only scenically attractive but has hot, dry summers with long hours of sunshine. It also has the winter attractions of snowfall for skiing on the steep slopes and freezing conditions for skating on the smaller lakes. All the evidence of map, photograph and climate indicates that the Okanagan, in both summer and winter, is a major tourist and recreation area, because of its significant and particular physical resources.

CONCLUSIONS

In the preceding study the growth in population in the Okanagan area has been shown to be amongst the highest rates of growth in Canada. The population increase has been significant in the recent decades and the perceived benefits of an ideal climate and distinctive landscapes with facilities and resources for recreation have led to the considerable expansion of urban areas. That is, people have made decisions to settle in an area whose resources are assessed as advantageous and attractive; the decision-making process of resource appraisal. Unfortunately spreading settlement competes and conflicts with the earlier agricultural developments of irrigated fruit-farming and vegetable production. This emphasises an important generalisation which is that through time there is a continuing re-appraisal of resources because of changes in attitudes, values and technology. In the Okanagan tourism and recreation are becoming the major economic activities and a further element of the changing population and landscape is the growth of the area as an ideal retirement centre.

There are, however, disadvantages in rapid growth.

21. Read the following extracts from articles and newspapers and make a summary of the problems that they discuss.

Extract (a): Eutrophication in the Okanagan Lakes

"Eutrophication of freshwater lakes is an increasingly urgent problem in water quality management, particularly in areas like the Okanagan Valley, where tourism is an important feature of the