Handout#1: Pretest
Pretest • Population Issues

Name ___________________________ Date ______________________

The purpose of this sheet is to see how much you already know about population. Circle the best answer to these questions:

1. What is the approximate current population on Earth?
   a. 22 billion  
   b. 6 billion  
   c. 10 billion  
   d. 3 billion

2. Population growth on the planet is connected to which of the following?
   a. poverty  
   b. conflict  
   c. environmental damage  
   d. all of the above

3. A primary reason people have large families is because
   a. Their government requires them to  
   b. They are poor and children help them meet their needs
   c. Religious guidelines require it  
   d. Their parents had lots of children too

4. Environmental Footprint means:
   a. The amount of the earth set aside for natural areas
   b. A means of estimating the environmental impact of a person of country
   c. The area on the earth built up for human civilization
   d. How much space is used by shoe factories around the world

5. Which of the following occurrences could be the result of poverty:
   a. Migration
   b. Crime
   c. Discrimination
   d. all of the above

True or false?

T  F  6. Empowering and educating women is an important part of lowering birth rates.
T  F  7. Many global issues that we see today are interconnected.
T  F  8. Consumption in developed countries creates environmental damage.
T  F  9. Growing population is not related to global warming.
T  F  10. There are now more people of childbearing age than ever before in history.
T  F  11. Africa has one of the lowest birth rates in the world.
T  F  12. Italy has a high birth rate because of the influence of the Catholic Church.
T  F  13. There is one solution that will work to solve population pressures in many different countries.
T  F  14. We have the knowledge, technology and resources to stabilize population growth, if we choose to.
T  F  15. Individual actions make a difference for the future.

Your score: _____/15