**II. Population Distribution**

A. Population Distribution

* A country’s population is the total number of people living within its borders
* **Population Distribution** –
* The world’s population is distributed unevenly on Earth’s surface
* Some places on Earth have many people, while other places have very few
* People tend to live in places that meet their basic needs
* Today, population tends to be highest in areas that were centers of early farming, industry, or trade
* Regions with good soil and plenty of water became crowded
* Places that were too cold or dry for farming never developed large population

B. Population Density

* **Population Density** –
* Gives us a way to describe how thickly settled an area is
* It also helps us compare places of different sizes and populations
* Population density can vary greatly from one part of a country to another

C. Impact of Population Density

* Population density has some important effects on a region
* The more people there are per square mile, the more crowded it is
* Cities with high population density tend to have crowded roads and living conditions
* These places require many resources to meet people’s needs