SECTION-A

1. Discuss the trend in poverty estimates in different Indian states over the period 1988-2000.

Also discuss the rural-urban differential in calorie intake vis-a-vis the data on consumption expenditure for the year 2000.

Ans:

2. Explain how the different ‘social determinants’ impact on the health status of the people.

Ans: Social determinants of health (SDOH) are, according to the World Health Organization

Income-level, educational attainment, race/ethnicity, and health literacy all impact the ability of people to access health services and to meet their basic needs, such as clean water and safe housing, which are essential to staying healthy. Rural residents are more likely to experience some of the contributing social factors that impact health, such as poverty. The impact of these challenges can be compounded by the barriers already present in rural areas, such as limited public transportation options and fewer choices to acquire healthy food.

This guide focuses on the barriers and challenges that rural residents experience, discussing the impact of and documenting rural differences related to:

- Income, employment, and poverty
- Educational attainment and literacy
- Race/ethnicity
- Sexual orientation/gender identity
- Health literacy
- Adequate community infrastructure, which can ensure public safety, allow access to media, and promote wellness
- Environmental health, including water quality, air quality, and pollution
- Access to safe and healthy homes, including issues related to energy costs and weatherization needs, lead-based paint, and other safety issues
- Access to safe and affordable transportation, which can impact both job access and healthcare access. Unsafe transportation, such as vehicles in poor condition, may increase risk of injury.
- Access to healthy and affordable food

Access to healthcare services

Policymaking

Policies at the local, state, and federal level affect individual and population health. Increasing taxes on tobacco sales, for example, can improve population health by reducing the number of people using tobacco products.