

Richest Countries in the World

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Qatar and Brunei have large reserves of hydrocarbons or other (4) lucrative natural resources.

4. "lucrative" is closest in meaning to ----.

- A) finite
- B) scarce
- C) profitable
- D) deliberate
- E) severe

m.g. extreme too much

milli weldiri ci

5. Which of the following is true according to the text?

- A) The writer starts the text with questions to voice his doubts as to the wealth of the richest countries.
- B) There is no such thing as a rich country as it is the size of a country that really matters.
- C) One country can become the wealthiest thanks solely to foreign investments and professional talent.
- D) It is unlikely for a country to be rich unless they have developed financial sectors and tax regimes.

E) Qatar is only one of the countries that reaps the benefits of what nature has granted her.

Tip 1:

Amongst= among, between,

Tip 2:

Amid= in the middle of

the only: TEK

only one of...= sadece birisi = one of

ülkeler } she / her
gemi

But **what do we mean** when we say a country is "rich," especially (6) **in / on** an era of growing income inequality between the rich and ^{the rest / the others} everyone else? (7) **When / While** gross domestic product (GDP) **measures** the value of all goods and services produced **in** a nation, dividing this output **by** the number of full-time residents is a **better** way of determining **how rich or poor** one country's population is ^{compared to} relative to another's. The reason why "rich" often equals "small" then becomes clear: these countries' economies are (8) **large** compared to their small populations. However, (9) **only when / even when** taking into account inflation rates and the **cost** of local goods and services **can we get a** more accurate picture of a nation's average standard of living: the **resulting (10) figure** is what is called **purchasing power parity (PPP)**, which is often expressed **international dollars to allow comparisons between** different countries. Should we automatically assume that in nations where this figure is particularly high the overall population is visibly **better off** than in most other places in the world? Not quite. We are dealing with averages and **in any given country, structural inequality can tip the balance in favour of the already privileged.**

8. Choose the best option to fill in the blank .

- A) ^{orantısız bir şekilde} **disproportionately** B) **overwhelmingly** heavily / dominant
 C) **succinctly** öz, veciz D) **severely** extremely
 E) ultimately finally **very**

10. "figure" is closest in meaning to ----.

- A) person ✓ B) drawing ✓
 C) cost ✓ **D) amount** ✓
 E) symbol ✓

figure out: iron out: work out:
find / understand

how rich or poor: ne denli ne kadar zengin veya fakir

"daha"
-er
mone
kuyas / beklesmedik
durum

not just / only!

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ayrıcılık

halkın zenginliği

rich

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11. Which of the following can be inferred according to the end of the text? ----.

- A) The imbalance in the distribution of wealth cannot be attributed to structural inequality alone.
- B) It is the already poor countries that suffer from structural inequality most.
- C) Structural inequality can give birth to an imbalance in favour of the already privileged in no time.

not alone

soon

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16. Choose the best option to fill in the blank.

- minute / tiny
A) diminutive B) dependable
C) straightforward ^{direct} D) unprecedented
E) unbeatable ^{invincible}

= In addition to that / Besides that

has emerged

parity :parite /esitlik

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prone to

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17. Which of the following is true according to the text?

- A) The well-off nations are less susceptible to the coronavirus owing to their older population. *kuyas*
- B) Only a few literally rich countries have resources to take better care of those in need at home and abroad. *domestic*
- C) The number of people who envisioned a forthcoming crisis in terms of economic disparity was low. *hit*
- D) An economic recession strikes low-paid workers as hard as those with higher income. *as...as*
- E) The writer probably thinks that the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on income inequality is exaggerated. *abartili hyperbolic*

adj -er
more adj
as ... as = eşitlik

careful

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The IMF has warned repeatedly that certain numbers should be taken with a grain of salt. However, there is one more reason to be (19) wary of accepting such economic prosperity at face value. For example, many nations in our ranking are tax havens, which means wealth originally generated in other countries (20) ---- inflating their GDP because of sophisticated accounting and legal practices. More (21) specifically / broadly, it is estimated that over 15% of global jurisdictions are tax havens, and that about 40% of global foreign direct investment flows are (22) ---- "phantom" transactions, financial investments passing through empty corporate shells with no real influence on a country's economy and people's financial wellbeing. Add to that the unequal distribution of resources, and it (23) ---- becoming / becomes easy to understand why, even in very rich countries live very poor people.

Not only that,

19. "wary" is closest in meaning to ----.

- A) distracted *disturbed*
C) indifferent *kayıtsız*
E) convinced *ikna olmuş*
- B) cautious *temkinli*
D) aware *farkında*

20. Choose the best option to fill in the blank.

- A) takes off *havalanmak çıkarmak artmak*
C) focuses on
E) rests upon *dayanmak bel bağlamak*
- B) gets over *recover iyileşmek*
D) ends up

22. Choose the best option to fill in the blank.

- A) viable *feasible*
C) literate *okuyazar*
E) so-called
- B) committed *devoted dedicated*
D) initial *ilk başlangıç*

E) so-called 1. sözcük 2. adı verilen şey

inflate : increase

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Key

1. to
2. would be surprised
3. sophisticated
4. C
5. E
6. in
7. while
8. disproportionately
9. only when
10. D
11. A
12. on
13. not only
14. emerged
15. whereas
16. D
17. C
18. to
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21. broadly
22. E
23. becomes

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