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China's population grew by almost 80 per cent from 1950 to 1980. The urban areas alone witnessed a 120 per cent increase. Despite growth of China's economy as a whole, this rapid increase has meant a slow per capita rise in the standard of living and great pressures in the areas of employment, education, welfare services and housing.

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