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Question

Describe the different types of environments giving examples each:

Answer

There are Three types of environments;

- Physical environment
- Biological environment
- Social environment

Physical environment

This is the part of environment that includes purely physical factors that provides our basic needs and opportunities for social and economic development.

Examples of physical environment are;

- Water
- Air
- Soil
- Housing
- Wastes
- Radiation
- Climate etc.

Biological environment

The natural biological factors (such as wild animals and plants or bacteria) that affects human life in a particular place or period.

Example of biological environment are;

- Plants and animal life including bacteria, viruses, insects, rodents.

Social environment

This refers to the immediate physical and social settings in which people live or in which something happens or develops. It includes culture that the individual was educated or lives in, and the people and institutions with whom they interact.

Example of social environments are;

- Customs
- Culture and beliefs
- Habits
- Income
- Occupation and
- Religious practices.