

Factors affecting human growth and development

Physical factors

- Genetic inheritance
- Illness
- Disease
- Diet
- Exercise
- Alcohol
- Smoking

Social, cultural and emotional factors

- Family and friends
- Educational experiences
- Employment
- Culture and community
- Religion
- Gender and ethnicity
- Sexual orientation
- Marriage and divorce

Economic factors

- Income
- Wealth
- Employment
- Occupation
- Social class
- Poverty
- Material possessions

Physical and environmental factors

- Housing
- Pollution
- Noise
- Rural/urban lifestyle

Psychological factors

- Stress
- Relationships with family
- Relationships with friends
- Self-concept

How might genetic and environmental factors affect a person's chances of doing well at examinations at the age of sixteen?