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Long before the development of any contemporary modes of agriculture, human beings survived by hunting animals and eating plants that grew in the wild. However, owing to the massive advancements made under the agricultural and industrial revolutions allowed the mankind to shift their focus towards living a life considered as the best by them (Diamond, 1987). Agricultural revolution enabled mankind to develop methods that aided in large-scale food production to feed the burgeoning population. Furthermore, the industrial revolution allowed the creation of big, better, and efficient industries along with the development of bigger cities. The growing population of mankind moved away from the nature to live in cities that provided better opportunities. According to the perspective of advocates of a progressive society, humans today are better off with the technological advancements (Diamond, 1987). Although there is widespread agreement on the point of view of the proponents of the progressive society, there are some points on which disagreement is valid. Those points are brilliantly articulated by Jared Diamond. According to Diamond, the forager human beings were well off as compared to the humans of today. They were close to nature, unlike modern human beings. Certainly, I agree with Diamond at this point. This point is also elaborated in the textbook that forager human beings enjoyed a healthy relationship with their ecosystem. Furthermore, industrialization gave rise to social stratification that put certain social classes at lesser advantaged than the other classes. However, human beings before agricultural developments enjoyed equal social status. Another point highlighted by both Diamond and in the textbook that agriculture societies have a prevalence of numerous diseases that were never found in the time of forager human beings. Hence, I fully agree with the discussion statement.

**Comment on class mate’s post**

Certainly, it is refreshing to see someone agreeing to your perspective. My classmate rightly agreed to the discussion question. The post identifies that modern societies, despite being better-off due to technological advancements, are far behind in their relationship with nature and the ecosystem (Ember & Ember, 2009). Modern societies have social stratification, high levels of violence, and practices that prove detrimental to the environment. These issues were nowhere to be found in societies way before any sort of advancements.

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