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| **What is the situation?*** There is a 2000km border between USA and Mexico.
* 1 million + Mexicans migrate to the USA every year.
* US Border Patrol guard the border and try to prevent illegal immigrants
* 10 foot high steel wall. Past the border guards with dogs, lights, motion sensors and helicopter patrols. Migrants often drowned in the All American Canal which runs parallel to the border.
* 850,000 illegal immigrants were caught in 1995 and were deported
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| **Push Factors from Mexico*** Poor medical facilities - 500 per doctor
* Low paid jobs - (GNP = $16000)
* Poorer education prospects
* Life expectancy 77 yrs
* 40% Unemployed
 | **Pull Factors To the USA*** Excellent medical facilities – 400ppl/ doctor
* Well paid jobs - GNP = $53,750)
* Better education prospects
* Life expectancy 78 yrs
* Many jobs available for low paid workers
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| **What are the impacts on the USA?** |
| * Illegal migration costs the USA millions of dollars for border patrols and prisons
* Mexicans are seen as a drain on the USA economy
* They cause problems in cities due cultural and racial issues – “ghettoization”
* Mexican migrants benefit the US economy by working for low wage. Pay can be as little as $3 an hour. (The official Californian minimum wage is $6.75 an hour)
* Mexican culture has enriched the US border states with food, language and music
* The incidents of TB has been increasing greatly due to the increased migration
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| **What are the impacts on Mexico?** |
| * The Mexican countryside has a shortage of economically active people
* Many men emigrate leaving a majority of women who have trouble finding marriage partners
* Young people tend to migrate leaving the old and the very young
* Immigrants send home $20 billion a year back to Mexico; many migrants send home at least $100 each month.)
* Certain villages such as Santa Ines have lost 2/3 of its inhabitants
* Multiplier effect of remittances from the US to Mexico. For every dollar sent home to Mexico, $3 more is generated in the form of construction material, food or contract work.
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| **New Developments: Declining Migration*** The weakened U.S. job and housing construction markets
* Heightened border enforcement, the growing dangers associated with illegal border crossings
* A rise in deportations
* Long-term decline in Mexico’s birth rates/broader economic conditions in Mexico have improved
* Increase in literacy rates of Mexico, life expectancy, physicians per capita, and more
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**IB question:**

**Explain the causes and effects of one major flow of labour between two countries. (10)**