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Population growth	B Loss of bio-diversity	Rise of Africa	Br Shift to the BRICs	Sense of entitlement	Pt Mobile & part time working
Fertility decline	Ac Ocean acidification	C Carbon pricing	State capitalism	Normalisation of obesity	Bh Back homing of outsourcing
Li Urban living	Changing family units	Aquifer reduction	Te Top soil erosion	Ce Cosmetic enhancement	Intensifying competition
Age Population ageing	Sph Single person households	Es Ethnic shifts	Ag Precision agriculture	Uuh Blurring of real & virtual worlds	Industry consolidation
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Regulatory change	Bt Biological terrorism	Eu European incrementalism	Op Oil price spikes	Np Nationalism & protectionism	Skilled worker shortages	Food price volatility	Fiscal imbalances	Gp Global pandemic	Cw Cyber viruses and data theft	Uneven access to food & water	Severe income inequality	RC Rogue employee	Mq Mega-quake in mega-city
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Global governance failure	Nuclear terrorism	European disintegration	Unsustainable poulation growth	Poorly managed migration	Explosion of North Korea		Collapse of wellfare state	Collapse of Pakistan	Pakistan Vs India war	Collapse of China	Failure to treat obesity epidemic	Failure to adapt to climate change	Sure-volcano eruption

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