

Unit 2: Human Geography

Section A: Changing Urban Environments

Key Ideas	Specification Content	😊	😐	😞
Urbanisation is a global phenomenon.	Students should appreciate the different pace and causes of urbanisation in the rich and poor world.			
Urban areas have a variety of functions and land uses.	Students should gain an appreciation of different functional parts of a settlement including locations of CBD, inner city, suburbs and rural – urban fringe.			
There are aspects of urban living in a richer part of the world that need careful planning in order to support the population and environment of cities and towns.	<p>Overview of the issues facing many urban areas.</p> <p>Housing – the attempts to satisfy the increased housing needs of the population in different parts of the city.</p> <p>Impact of Government strategies from the 1990s on the inner city.</p> <p>Traffic – impact of increased use of road transport on the environment and solutions aimed at reducing the impact.</p> <p>Revitalising the image of the CBD by improving the physical environment.</p> <p>Cultural Mix – factors causing ethnic segregation within urban areas. Strategies aimed at supporting the multicultural nature of many urban areas.</p>			
Rapid urbanisation has led to the development of squatter settlements and an informal sector to the economy.	<p>Characteristics of squatter settlements.</p> <p>Effect on the lives of the people of living in squatter settlements.</p> <p>Attempts by the inhabitants themselves to improve squatter settlements over time.</p> <p>Self Help, Site and Service and Local Authority schemes to improve squatter settlements.</p> <p>A case study of a squatter settlement redevelopment.</p>			
Rapid urbanisation in a poorer part of the world requires the management of the environmental problems caused.	<p>Effects of rapid urbanisation and industrialisation.</p> <p>Difficulties of disposal of waste, much of which is toxic. Effects and management of air and water pollution.</p>			
Attempts can be made to ensure that urban living is	<p>Characteristics of a sustainable city.</p> <p>Environmental – the importance of conserving</p>			

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sustainable.	the historic and natural environment. Use of Brownfield sites. Reducing and safely disposing of waste. Providing adequate open spaces. Social – including local people in the decision-making process. Provision of an efficient public transport system. A case study of sustainable urban living.			
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