

## Unit 1: Managing places in the 21st century

### Section B – Urban Environments

<b>Key Question:</b> To what extent do we live in an urban world?				
<b>Key Ideas</b>	<b>Specification Content</b>	😊	😐	😞
The world is increasingly urban.	Investigate global patterns of urban population/rates of urbanisation.			
Urban areas face increasing threats from hazards.	Investigate the environment hazards (pollution) linked to urban/industrial concentrations and the challenges these present. Investigate one urban area to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the risks posed by a natural hazard (flood, earthquake, tropical storms);</li> <li>how management and planning can reduce the hazard risk.</li> </ul>			

<b>Key Question:</b> Responding to the urban challenges in developed countries?				
<b>Key Ideas</b>	<b>Specification Content</b>	😊	😐	😞
Socio-economic inequalities exist in urban areas	Use data (census) to identify socio-economic variations in one urban area.			
The management of movement is a challenge in many urban areas.	Consider ways that inequalities can be reduced (city challenge/health, education initiatives, housing initiatives).			
Urban redevelopment strategies are being used in some areas to create socio-economic opportunities and improve environments.	Use example(s) to describe and explain the different methods being used to manage people movement and traffic in urban areas. Use an example of an urban redevelopment project to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>explain why the area needed a redevelopment strategy</li> <li>describe the redevelopment project</li> <li>explain how the redevelopment project has improved socio-economic conditions and the environment</li> <li>evaluate the effect of the redevelopment project.</li> </ul>			

<b>Key Question:</b> What are the opportunities and challenges created by urbanisation in developing countries?				
<b>Key Ideas</b>	<b>Specification Content</b>	😊	😐	😞
The growth of urban areas in developing countries is a result of natural increase and migration.	Use examples to illustrate the way that migration and natural increase leads to urban growth.			
Urban growth in developing countries can create opportunities and challenges.	Consider the social and economic opportunities in urban areas and how urban-industrial core areas can be a stimulus for economic development.  Use examples to illustrate the challenges created by urban growth, including: housing the urban poor, environmental issues (air/water pollution), increasing demands for services, squatter development in vulnerable areas, crime.			

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Urban areas in developing countries are responding to the challenges of growth in different ways.	Use examples to illustrate how conditions in urban areas are being improved by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>residential (housing) schemes</li> <li>clean water and waste water initiatives</li> <li>social improvement schemes (health/ education).</li> </ul>			
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**Key Question:** How can urban living be increasingly sustainable?

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What is meant by 'urban sustainability'?	Describe the elements of urban management that need to be considered if an area is to be increasingly sustainable.			
Sustainable planning and management ideas are being increasingly used in urban areas.	Investigate a number of sustainable initiatives, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>carbon neutral housing (estates)</li> <li>'greening cities' initiatives</li> <li>holistic sustainable urban planning initiatives.</li> </ul>			
New urban areas are being developed as 'eco-settlements'.	Describe and explain the 'eco-towns' initiative in the U.K. Investigate the development of newly planned eco-cities.			