



Human – Urban Geography
Geography past Exam Questions
Higher Level

2013

Section 2 – Q10 A

A. Urban Growth

Fastest growing towns in Ireland

Town	Region	Population 2006	Population 2011	%Population Change 2006-2011
Saggart	South Dublin	868	2,144	147
Courtown Harbour	Wexford	1,421	2,857	X
Newcastle	South Dublin	1,506	2,659	77
Carrigtwohill	Cork	2,782	4,551	64
Ballymahon	Longford	963	1,563	62

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Examine the table above and answer the following questions.

- (i) Calculate the increase in the total population of Newcastle, between 2006 and 2011.
- (ii) Calculate X, the percentage change in Courtown Harbour's population, between 2006 and 2011.
- (iii) State **two** reasons for the rapid growth of towns in South Dublin, between 2006 and 2011.
- (iv) Explain briefly **one** problem caused by the rapid growth of Irish towns.
- (v) Explain briefly **one** reason why the Census of Population is important for urban planning.

[20m]

Q12 C

C. Future Urbanisation

Discuss **two** issues facing cities in the future in the developed world.

[30m]

2012

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B. Urbanisation

‘Authorities in developing world cities have attempted to overcome the problem of rapid urban growth.’

Examine the above statement with reference to example(s) you have studied.

[30m]

Q11 B

B. Urban Functions

Study the aerial photograph accompanying this paper.

Examine any **three** different functions of Carrick-on-Shannon, using evidence from the aerial photograph to support your answer.

[30m]

Q12 C

C. Changing Land-Use Patterns

Describe and explain the changing land-use patterns in an urban area that you have studied.

[30m]

2011

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C. Dynamics of Settlement

Describe and explain the land-use zones in **any** city that you have studied.

[30m]

Q11 B

B. Urban Expansion

As cities expand they impact on the surrounding rural areas.
Discuss this statement with reference to example(s) that you have studied.

[30m]

2010

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B. Urban Problems

- (i) Explain the term 'traffic congestion'.
- (ii) Explain **two** methods used to overcome traffic congestion. Use examples you have studied in your answer.

[30m]

Q10 C

C. Developing World Cities

'Problems can develop as urban centres expand and grow.'

Discuss this statement with reference to **one** developing world city that you have studied.

[30m]

Q12 C

C. Central Place

Examine the Ordnance Survey map and aerial photograph accompanying this paper. Using evidence from the Ordnance Survey map **and** aerial photograph, show that Carrick-on-Suir performs the function of a Central Place or market centre for the surrounding hinterland.

[30m]

2009

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C. DYNAMICS OF SETTLEMENT

With reference to **one** Irish urban centre that you have studied, examine how its functions change over time.

[30m]

Q11 B

B. PROBLEMS IN CITIES

With reference to **one** example you have studied, examine the effectiveness of urban planning strategies in dealing with urban problems.

[30m]

Q12 C

C. URBAN LAND-USE

With reference to **one** example you have studied, describe and explain changing land-use in urban areas.

[30m]

2008

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B. URBAN FUNCTIONS

Study the aerial photograph of part of Galway that accompanies this paper.

Examine any **three** functions of the city, using evidence from the photograph to support your answer.

[30m]

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C URBAN CENTRES

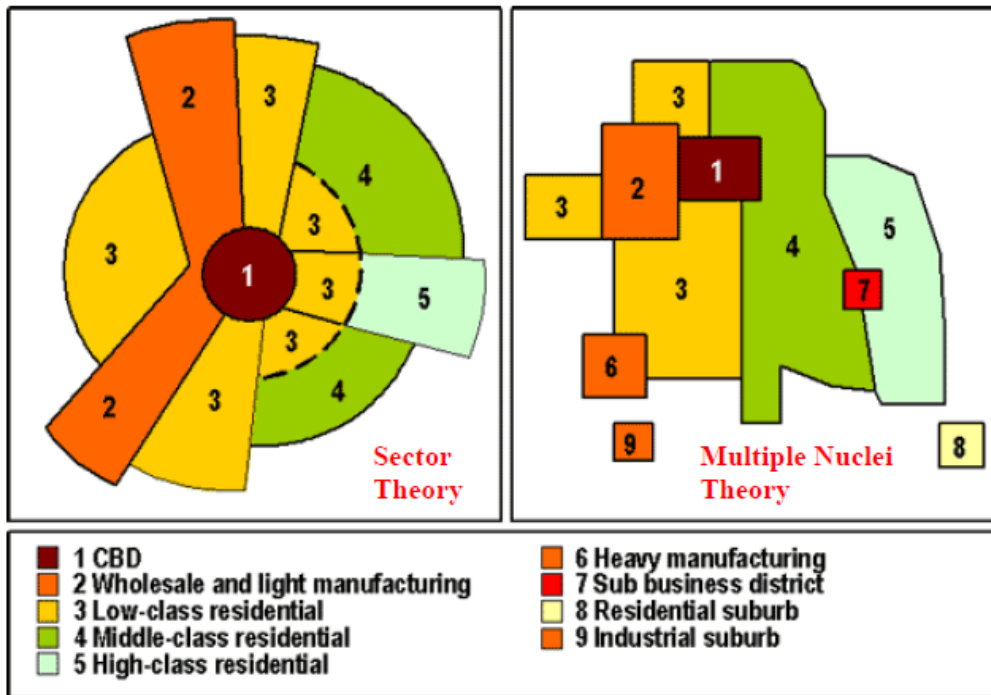
Cities are places of opportunity but also have problems.

Examine this statement, with reference to a city or cities of your choice.

[30m]

Q12 B

B URBAN LAND USE



Examine the relevance of **one** of the above land use models as it applies to land use zones in a city that you have studied.

[30m]

2006

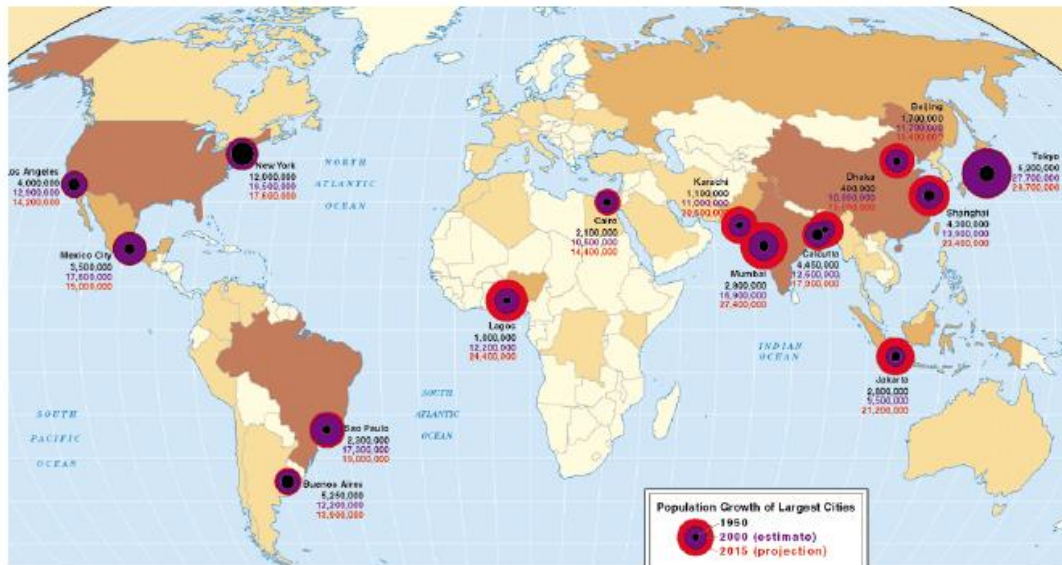
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B TRAFFIC CONGESTION

The growth of urban centres may lead to the development of problems. Examine any two of these problems, with reference to examples you have studied. [30m]

Q11 B

B URBAN GROWTH



The rapid growth of cities in the developing world has led to social and economic problems. Examine any two such problems, referring to examples you have studied. [30m]

Q11 C

C CHANGING LAND USE

Different activities compete for space in urban areas. As a result different land-use zones develop. Referring to examples you have studied, examine how these land-use zones change as urban centres grow. [30m]