

Urbanisation

Chapter 10: Urbanisation · Topic 1

Key Concept

Urbanisation occurs as people move to cities seeking better job opportunities, education, healthcare, and improved living standards.

Rapid urbanisation can lead to challenges like overcrowding, inadequate housing, traffic congestion, and strain on infrastructure and services.

Urban areas often become centres of economic activity, innovation, and cultural exchange, driving broader economic development.

Sustainable urban planning is essential to manage urbanisation's challenges while maximising the benefits cities offer their residents.

Quick Revision Notes

- Urbanisation: rural to urban population movement.
- People seek jobs, education, healthcare, living standards.
- Rapid urbanisation causes overcrowding, inadequate housing.
- Also traffic congestion, infrastructure strain.
- Urban areas: economic activity centres.
- Also innovation, cultural exchange hubs.
- They drive broader economic development.
- Sustainable planning manages urbanisation challenges.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss why people move to cities.
- 2 Research a challenge caused by urbanisation.
- 3 Discuss the benefits cities offer.
- 4 Research sustainable urban planning efforts.
- 5 Discuss urbanisation trends in your own country.
- 6 Explain urbanisation's effects in your own words.