

Human Settlements

Chapter 10: Human Settlements · Topic 1

Key Concept

Settlements are classified as rural (villages, farms) or urban (towns, cities), differing in population density and occupations.

The location of settlements is often influenced by factors like availability of water, fertile land, favourable climate, and trade routes.

Rural settlements can be compact (clustered together) or dispersed (spread out), depending on geography and farming practices.

Urban settlements grow due to industrialisation, job opportunities, and better facilities, attracting people from rural areas.

Quick Revision Notes

- Settlements: rural (villages) or urban (cities).
- They differ in population density, occupations.
- Location influenced by water, fertile land, climate.
- Also trade routes matter.
- Rural settlements: compact or dispersed.
- This depends on geography, farming.
- Urban settlements grow via industrialisation.
- Job opportunities attract people from rural areas.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss whether you live in a rural or urban settlement.
- 2 Discuss why water availability matters for settlements.
- 3 Compare compact and dispersed rural settlements.
- 4 Discuss why people move from villages to cities.
- 5 Draw a map showing a rural and urban settlement.
- 6 Research a factor influencing settlement location.