


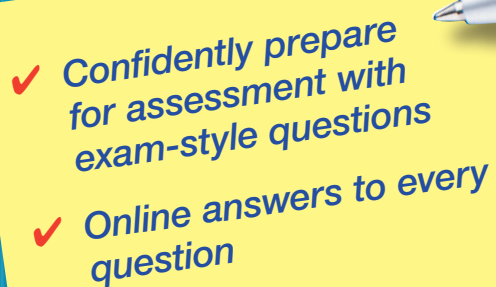
WORKBOOK

AQA A-LEVEL

Geography **2**

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

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Topic 3 Contemporary urban environments

Urbanisation

Urban growth and change are global processes that increasingly pose environmental and social challenges for humanity. Whether places are experiencing urbanisation, suburbanisation, counter-urbanisation, or urban resurgence, issues in urban areas and environmental sustainability and social cohesion will become increasingly important in the twenty-first century. Contrasting urban settings illustrate the diversity of humanity and highlight global differences in opportunity, equity and sustainability experienced in different places.

Practice questions



- 1 Define the term urbanisation.

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- 2 Analyse the levels of urbanisation in different parts of the world as shown in Table 3.1.

Table 3.1 Levels of urbanisation around the world, 2019

Region	Percentage of people living in urban areas
Africa	43%
Asia	51%
Europe	75%
Latin America and Caribbean	81%
North America	82%
Oceania	68%
World average	56%

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- 3 What are the main causes of urbanisation around the world?

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- 4 Figure 3.1 shows the processes of suburbanisation, counter-urbanisation and urban resurgence. For each process, identify the main causes, characteristics and effects.

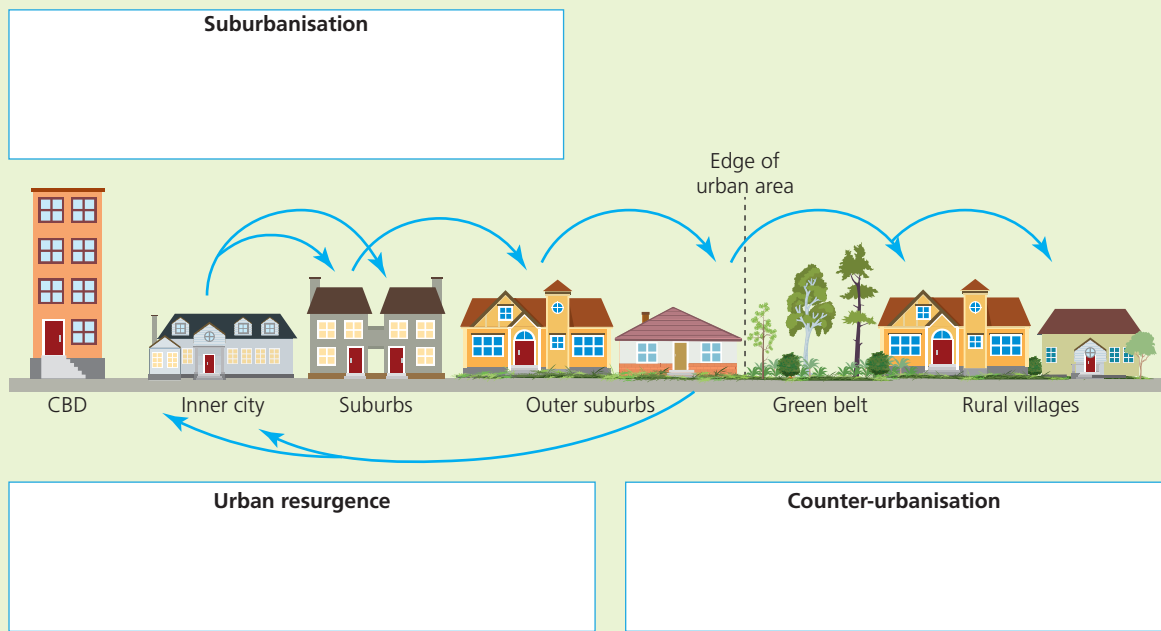


Figure 3.1 Diagram showing urban processes: movements of people, housing and infrastructure in and around urban settlements

- 5 What is a megacity?

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- 6 Assess the role of megacities and world cities in global and regional economies.

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- 7 Explain what is meant by decentralisation.

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8 Figure 3.2 shows information about the changing employment in the UK, 1920 to 2016.

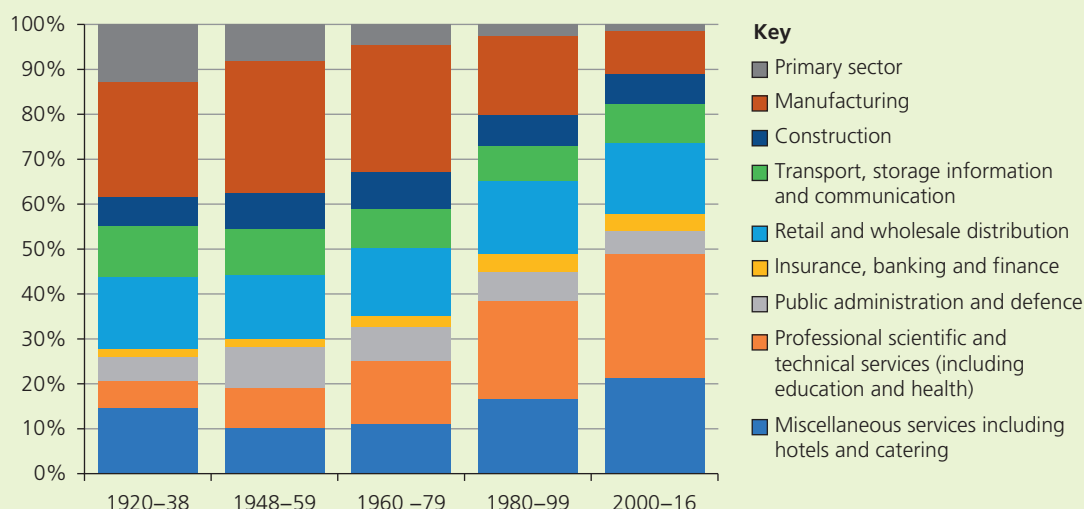


Figure 3.2 Changing employment structure in the UK, 1920 to 2016

Analyse the information shown in Figure 3.2.

Worked example

Figure 3.2 shows that there has been significant change in employment in the UK. In 1920 the primary and manufacturing sectors dominated, accounting for almost two-fifths of the workforce, while in 2016 professional and technical services and other services dominated, accounting for almost half of workers. Financial services still account for the smallest sector of the workforce, however the proportion of workers in the sector has more than doubled. The proportion in professional services is now about five times larger than it was. The sectors that have had the smallest changes to their proportions of workers are construction, transport and communication, and retail. Together they accounted for just over one-third of the workforce in 1920 and just under one-third in 2016. The sector that has shrunk the most as a proportion of the workforce is the primary sector, with its contribution now about the one-tenth of what it was. There is some fluctuation between the sectors before and after the Second World War. For example, miscellaneous services and retail had a larger share pre-war; this decreased immediately post-war, then both increased as a share of jobs for the rest of the time period.

A03: This starts well and identifies the most significant change in the data, supported with clear use and manipulation of the data.

A03: Again, clear changes and patterns are recognised. There is good understanding of the nature of the data and that it deals with percentages and proportions and not whole numbers. Points are supported with clear manipulation of the data.

A03: Again, there is quite sophisticated use of the graph and understanding of the complexity of it. Points are supported with clear use of data. The temptation to explain the data in this skills question is resisted.

9 Analyse the relationship between deindustrialisation and the rise of the service economy and assess the impact of these two processes on urban areas.

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- 5** 'River restoration and conservation in damaged urban catchments will enhance environmental quality as well as improve urban drainage.'

With reference to a project you have studied how much do you agree with this view? (AO1, AO2)

Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper.

20 marks



Exam-style set 2

- 1** Summarise the features of counter-urbanisation. (AO1)

4 marks



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- 2** Figure 3.10 shows information about levels of urbanisation in different continents, 1950–2050 (predicted).

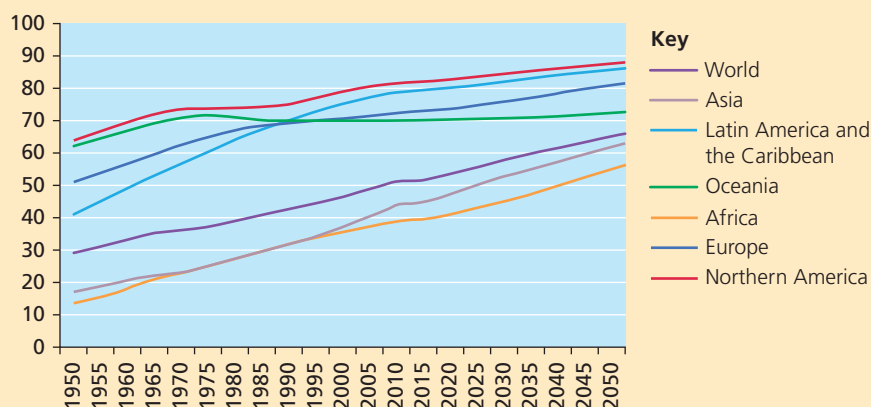


Figure 3.10 Levels of urbanisation in different continents, 1950–2050 (predicted)

Analyse the data shown in Figure 3.10. (AO3)

6 marks



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