Exam-style questions

Chapter 2: Settlement and urbanisation

Question 1

(a) Fig. 2.1 is a map that shows different types of settlement in an area in the UK.

(i) Which of the settlements shown on Fig. 2.1 is highest in the settlement hierarchy? [1]

(ii) What is meant by each of the following terms: sphere of influence; threshold population? [2]

(iii) Describe the relationship between size and number of the settlements shown on Fig. 2.1. [3]

(iv) Suggest why Brighouse is likely to have more services than Hebden Bridge. [4]
(b) Fig. 2.2 gives information about urbanisation in different countries.

![Map showing urbanisation percentages](image)

Fig. 2.2

(i) Explain the causes of urbanisation. [3]

(ii) Describe the differences in urbanisation between the continents shown on Fig. 2.2. [5]

(c) For a named area you have studied, describe and explain the factors which have influenced the sites and growth of settlements. [7]

[Total: 25]

Question 2

(a) Fig. 2.3 shows part of an urban area in South Africa.

![Urban area in South Africa](image)

Fig. 2.3
(i) What is meant by urban? [1]

(ii) Identify two types of land use shown on Fig. 2.3. [2]

(iii) Which urban zone is shown on Fig. 2.3? Give two reasons for your choice. [3]

(iv) Describe the land use of the rural–urban fringe. [4]

(b) Fig. 2.4 shows the petroleum use and population density of cities in different continents.

Fig. 2.4

(i) Suggest reasons why different countries use different amounts of petroleum. [3]

(ii) Using information from Fig. 2.4, describe the differences between the petroleum use and population density in the different continents. [5]

(c) For a named urban area you have studied, describe the pollution problems and the possible solutions. [7]

[Total: 25]
Question 3

Fig. 2.5 shows part of an urban area in the USA.

![Fig. 2.5](image)

Describe the urban land use:

(a) in the foreground of the photograph;  
(b) in the middle part of the photograph.

[Total: 8]

Question 4

Fig. 2.6 shows the land use in an urban area in Europe.

![Fig. 2.6](image)
Describe and suggest reasons for the distribution of each of the following types of land use on Fig. 2.6:

(a) industry; 
(b) shops and offices.

[Total: 8]