

Edexcel A Geography GCSE

Topic 4: Changing Cities

Definitions Flashcards

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Central Business District (CBD)



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The centre of a city where many offices and shops are located.



Commuter Village



Commuter Village

A rural village separate from the city but within commuting distance (by car, train, etc) for its residents to work in the city.



Counter Urbanisation



Counter Urbanisation

Migration away from a city because of urban problems (crime, congestion, etc).



De-centralisation



De-centralisation

The movement of population, shops, offices and industry away from CBDs into housing estates, retail and business parks in the suburbs.



Dereliction



Dereliction

Where buildings are left unused or unoccupied.



Deindustrialisation



Deindustrialisation

Declining industrial activity in a region or economy which causes high levels of unemployment.



Globalisation



Globalisation

The increasing connections between places and people across the world, through trade, ideology and cultural exchanges.



Integrated Transport



Integrated Transport

A system that links different types of transportation to give commuters access to the whole city.



International Migration



International Migration

The movement of people between countries, for work or long term residence.



Lower Income Country (LIC)



Lower Income Country (LIC)

A country of low wealth and a limited level of development.



Megacity



Megacity

A city with a population greater than 10 million people.



Middle Income Country (MIC)



Middle Income Country (MIC)

A country of sufficient wealth and a good level of development.



Multicultural City



Multicultural City

A city that shares and encourages multiple cultures and religions, besides the national culture.



Net Migration



Net Migration

The total number of people entering minus the number of people leaving a country.



Population Density



Population Density

The number of people living per square meter of land. It's a measure of how squashed together or spread out a population is.



Pull Factors



Pull Factors

Reasons why a person may feel attracted towards living in the city.



Push Factors



Push Factors

Reasons why a person may feel they need to move away from a rural area.



Quality of Life



Quality of Life

The environment and community a person is part of, as well as their health and access to essentials.



Regeneration



Regeneration

Upgrading existing areas to improve its appearance or reputation by constructing new buildings for urban, industrial, commercial and rural areas.



Remittance



Remittance

A family member living in a different country can send money back to their country of origin to support their family substantially.



Re-urbanisation



Re-urbanisation

Migration into an area or town that had been abandoned in the past.



Rural-Urban Migration



Rural-Urban Migration

Individuals move their homes from a rural area to the urban city, for work opportunities or a better quality of life.



Social Inequality



Social Inequality

The difference in quality of life between groups in society such as incomes, age, gender, ethnicity and disabilities.



Squatter Settlements



Squatter Settlements

Clusters of temporary housing in which migrants or low income families live in, often built on unfavourable land.



Suburbanisation



Suburbanisation

Migration to live on the periphery (suburbs) of a city or town.



Suburbs



Suburbs

Residential land surrounding the city, offering more space, cheaper land but further from the CBD.



Transnational Company (TNC)



Transnational Company (TNC)

A business with operations in more than one country.



Urbanisation



Urbanisation

The increase in the proportion of the population living in urban areas.



Urban Sprawl



Urban Sprawl

The process of a city growing and spreading out, taking over surrounding greenfield land.



World City



World City

A city with global influence through politics, businesses or travel.

