

GCSE Geography: Urban Issues and Challenges

Key Ideas of this module

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- Pattern of urban change, factors effecting, differences in HIC & LIC and emergence of Mega-cities

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Lagos, Nigeria as case study. Location and importance of the city, regionally, nationally and internationally.

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- **Challenges** (Slums, providing clean water, providing health and education, reducing unemployment and crime).
- **Managing** environmental issues (waste disposal, air and water pollution, traffic congestion).
- An example of how urban planning is improving the quality of life for the urban poor

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Newcastle-upon-Tyne as case study. Location and importance of the city, regionally, nationally and internationally.

- Impacts of national and international **migration** on the growth and character of the city
- How **urban change** has created opportunities: social and economic: cultural mix, recreation and entertainment, employment, integrated transport systems environmental: urban greening
- How **urban change** has created challenges: social and economic: urban deprivation, inequalities in housing, education, health and employment environmental: dereliction, building on brownfield and greenfield sites, waste disposal.
- The impact of **urban sprawl** on the **rural-urban fringe**, and the growth of commuter settlements.
- An example of an **urban regeneration** project to show: reasons why the area needed regeneration and the main features of the project.

Urban sustainability requires management of resources and transport.

Features of **sustainable urban** living:

- Water and energy conservation, waste recycling, creating green space.
- How urban transport strategies are used to reduce traffic congestion.

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