



HSC Assessment Task

Topic 1: URBAN PLACES

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Outcomes:

The student:

- H1 explains the changing nature, spatial patterns and interaction of urban systems.**
- H3 analyses contemporary urban dynamics and applies them in specific contexts**
- H7 justifies geographical methods applicable and useful in the workplace and relevant to a changing world.**
- H8 plans geographical inquiries to analyse and synthesise information from a variety of sources**
- H12 explains geographical patterns, processes and future trends through appropriate case studies and illustrative examples.**

Instructions:

There are three extended response questions on Urban Places. You are to answer each one in approximately **750 words**.

Write the question at the beginning of your answer.

Begin each question on a new page..

Include a detailed bibliography of all sources, including websites, used.

Question 1

Discuss effective responses to the challenges of living in megacities.

Syllabus context for question that students should address:

Megacities

- ❖ The challenges of living in megacities such as housing, traffic infrastructure, water and power supplies, sanitation services, employment and other social health issues.
- ❖ The responses to those challenges such as self-help projects, community self-government, cooperation from NGOs, urban protest and operations of informal economies.