

## A Level Humanities Geography

**Year group:** Year 13

**Unit:** Unit 3 Option 4 (World Cities)

**Key text:** AQA A-Level Geography (Smith and Knill)  
*Urban Settlement and Land Use (Hill)*

Week	Topic	Content	Independent Learning	Wider Reading and Resources
1	The Global Pattern of Cities	Millionaire cities, megacities and world cities. Distribution and key features	Wider reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cities in Numbers: how patterns of urban growth change the world – The Guardian, 23/11/15</li> <li>• “Megacities” – Geoactive number 399</li> <li>• “A2 Geography” – Smith &amp; Knill – pages 130 to 134</li> </ul>
2	Urbanisation: Characteristics, causes and impacts	Case Studies of Mumbai and Newcastle Upon Tyne  <b><u>Practice exam question:</u></b> With reference to one or more examples, discuss the impacts of urbanisation	Wider reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “A2 Geography” –Smith &amp; Knill– pages 135 to 140</li> <li>• Patterns of Global Urbanisation. GeoActive 337</li> </ul>

3	Suburbanisation and counter-urbanisation	<p>Case Studies of Mumbai, Newcastle Upon Tyne and Bayston Hill</p> <p><b>Practice exam questions:</b> With reference to one or more examples describe the causes of suburbanisation.</p> <p>With reference to one or more examples describe the causes of suburbanisation.</p>	Wider reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “A2 Geography” –Smith &amp; Knill– pages 143 to 147</li> <li>• Geo Factsheet 109: Migration Patterns within Urban Areas</li> <li>• “Urban Settlement and Land Use” (Hill) – pages 101 to 111</li> </ul>
4	Reurbanisation and gentrification	<p>Case Studies of Newcastle and Liverpool</p> <p><b>Practice exam questions:</b> Outline the process of gentrification</p>	Wider reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
5	Urban decline and regeneration	<p>The characteristics and causes of urban decline. Property-led regeneration, partnership schemes between national governments and the private sector.</p> <p><b>Practice essay:</b> How successful has the regeneration of urban areas been, given the variety of ways in which it has been undertaken?</p>	Wider reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
6	Retailing and Other Services	<p>Decentralisation of retailing causes and impacts. Case Study of Trafford Centre.</p> <p><b>Practice exam questions:</b> With reference to one or more examples, describe the causes and explain the effects of out of town retailing</p>	Wider reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

7	Redevelopment of City Centres	<p>Impacts and responses of city centre redevelopment. Case Study of Liverpool One</p> <p><b><u>Practice exam questions:</u></b> With reference to one or more examples, assess the impacts of the redevelopment of town/city centres</p>	Wider reading	•
8	Sustainability issues in Cities	<p>Waste management: recycling and its alternatives. Transport and its management: the development of integrated, efficient and sustainable systems. Case Studies of London, Curitiba and Beijing</p> <p><b><u>Practice exam questions:</u></b> Achieving true sustainability in urban areas is a highly desirable but unachievable goal. Discuss.</p>	Wider reading	•

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