

Geography

8031/3/PM Application of Geographical Skills and Decision-Making

Sources Booklet

Contemporary Issues in Urban Settlements

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You will need no other materials.

Instructions

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- You are advised to study this Sources Booklet and the issues raised in it.
- Your teacher is encouraged to teach lessons based on the Sources Booklet and to give assistance and advice as required.

Figure 6
The growth of cities

(Ten largest cities – 2015)					POPULATION (millions)			
	CITY	MEDC/LEDC	LATITUDE	1970	2000	2015 (Estimated)		
1	Tokyo	MEDC	36°N	17	27	28		
2	Mumbai (Bombay)	LEDC	19°N	6	18	27		
3	Lagos	LEDC	6°N	4	13	24		
4	Shanghai	LEDC	31°N	11	17	23		
5	Jakarta	LEDC	6°S	3	13	22		
6	São Paulo	LEDC	23°S	8	17	21		
7	Beijing	LEDC	40°N	7	14	18		
8	Mexico City	LEDC	20°N	9	16	18		
9	Kolkata (Calcutta)	LEDC	23°N	7	13	17		
10	New York	MEDC	41°N	14	16	16		

(Figures are approximate.)

MEDC – More Economically Developed Country (richer country) LEDC – Less Economically Developed Country (poorer country)

Figure 7
Urbanisation in LEDCs

Shanghai struggles to cope with population growth

The population of Shanghai reached over 20 million this year as over 3 million people moved to the city to find work. These migrants can earn much higher incomes in the city than in their rural villages where most people live on less than £1 a day.

Shanghai is an important business centre in China and its economic boom is creating thousands of building jobs.

Many people moving to the city are young and this will lead to an increase in the birth rate, pushing the population of the city up faster!

People move to cities in Brazil

Mauro Ramirez, 31, left his farm in rural Brazil to find work in the southern city of São Paulo. The rains had failed and his small farm could not support his family. Mauro and his wife found jobs in the city and were able to rent a room in a shack on the edge of a shanty town. It has running water and electricity which he has to pay for. "If only we had got some help we could have stayed on the farm and not had to come all this way to the city", said Mrs Ramirez.

Access to services in LEDCs												
% of urban/rural population with access to												
	Safe water		Education		Healthcare							
Country	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural						
Bolivia (South America)	76	18	78	22	86	38						
Mozambique (Africa)	48	16	90	38	98	30						
Pakistan (Asia)	96	36	92	44	99	35						

Figure 8
Urban challenges in LEDCs

Cairo, Egypt

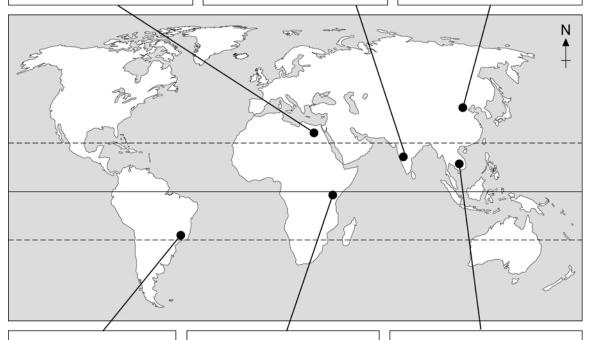
Dealing with rubbish is a major problem. Piles of rotting rubbish are found in many areas.

Mumbai, India

Industrial pollution is a growing problem. Traffic congestion now happens throughout the day.

Beijing, China

Industrial development and growing levels of traffic have led to massive increases in air pollution.



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil One million people live in slums. Drug related crime is common and there are many murders.

Nairobi, Kenya

Nearly 750 000 people live in slum areas. Unemployment is high and there are frequent outbreaks of violent crime.

Phnom Penh, Cambodia Nearly 250 000 people live in shacks which are often flooded. The resulting

flooded. The resulting pollution from sewage is a big health risk.

Figure 9

Living conditions of the urban poor in Kolkata, India

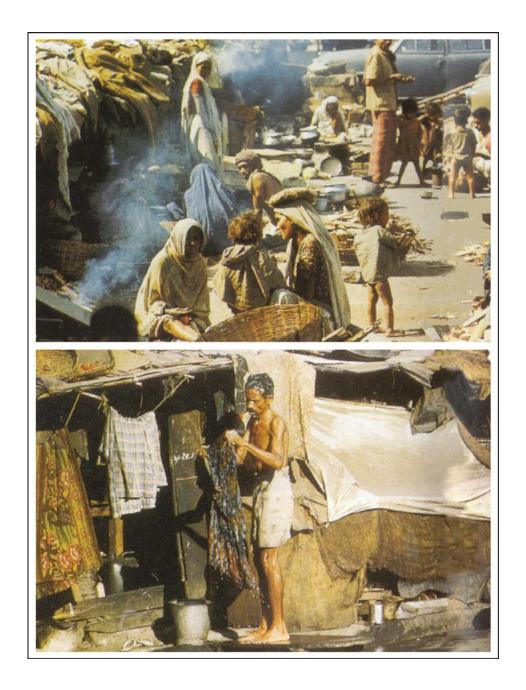


Figure 10
Urban problems in Kolkata

FACT FILE

Where is Kolkata?

- At the mouth of the River Ganges on the eastern coast of India.

How many people live there?

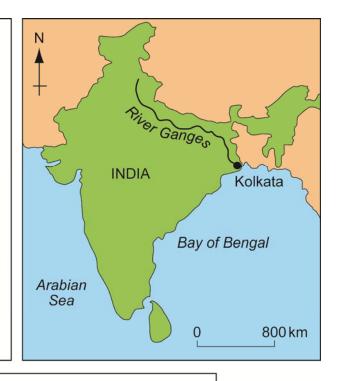
 The population was approximately 16 million in 2010.

What is the infant mortality rate?

- 108 deaths per 1000 live births (2010).

What are the main causes of death?

 Infectious diseases such as diarrhoea, cholera and measles.



KOLKATA'S MAIN PROBLEMS

Sanitation

- 30% of the houses have no toilets.

Housing

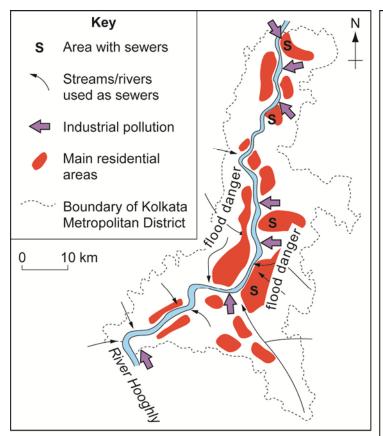
- 500 000 people live on the streets.
- 4 million people live in sub-standard housing.

Water

- Although 80% of the population have access to clean water, in some areas up to 40 families use one tap.
- During heavy rainfall water gets contaminated.

Pollution

- People living on the street suffer because of the noise of traffic.
- Pollution from vehicles and burning coal.





PROJECT FILE

Project 1

A water-related project partly funded by an aid agency. It will repair leaks in existing water pipes and extend water supply and sanitation systems to some of the slum areas, improving housing conditions in those areas. Water treatment plants will also be built in areas of heavy industry.

Project 2

A joint government/self-help scheme. It will improve housing conditions in some of the poorest areas. It will provide clean water and toilets. It will also provide low cost accommodation for about 80 000 people who are living on the streets. Half a million homes and businesses will be given methane stoves, reducing the need to burn coal.

Project 3

A large scale project funded by the World Bank which will be put in place over ten years. It will provide a waste-water system throughout the city, giving housing and industrial areas sanitation systems to take away sewage and polluted water. At the same time, some of the worst slums will be demolished and the area cleared so that new low cost housing with proper services can be built in the future.

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