

## Urban Homework Answers 2

1) Which of the following is correct (1)

c) Megacities have a population of 10 million people

2) Describe the changes in the number and distribution of megacities between 1975 and 2014 shown in figure 2 32)

The number of megacities increased from three in 1975 to twenty-eight in 2014 [1 mark]. By 2014 there were a few more megacities in HICs and LICs [1 mark]. However, most of the new megacities that had developed by 2014 are in NEEs [1 mark].

3) Suggest reasons for the difference in the rate of urbanisation in HICs and LICs (6)

1.6 of the population living in urban areas. This question is level marked. How to grade your answer:

Level 0: There is no relevant information. [0 marks]

Level 1: There are a few points about the rate of urbanisation in either HICs or LICs. [1-2 marks]

Level 2: There is a clear explanation of the rate of urbanisation in HICs and LICs. [3-4 marks]

Level 3: There is a detailed explanation of the rate of urbanisation in HICs and LICs. [5-6 marks]

Here are some points your answer may include:

- Urbanisation happened earlier in HICs than in LICs, e.g. during the industrial revolution, so most of the population now already live in urban areas. This means that there are fewer people moving into cities in HICs than in LICs.
- Good transport and communication networks mean that people in HICs can live in rural areas and commute to cities, or work from home. This means that many people in HICs are moving away from cities.
- Decline of heavy industry in cities in HICs caused mass unemployment. People desiring a better quality of life moved away from overcrowded cities to rural areas, meaning that urban population growth slowed.
- A lower proportion of the population in LICs currently live in urban areas, so there are more people living in rural areas who might move to cities.
- Many people in LICs are moving to cities to get a better quality of life, e.g. access to better healthcare, jobs and education. This causes rapid urban growth in LICs.