GCSE Geography Topic Review - **Self Assessment**

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RED, AMBER or GREEN

Urban issues and challenges

You should be able to answer the following questions…

Urban issues and challenges	
What is the global pattern of urban change?	
What are the urban trends in different parts of the world (including HICs and LICs)?	
Can you explain how migration (push and pull factors) and natural increase affect the rate of urbanisation?	
Which parts of the world (continents and countries) are experiencing the biggest growth in the amount of megacities?	
Answer the following questions about a **case study** of a major city in a LIC or NEE:	
• What is the location and importance of the city, regionally, nationally and internationally?	
• How has natural increase and migration caused urban growth?	
• Explain why each of the following is considered an **opportunity** created by urban growth?	
o Social: access to services – health and education; access to resources – water supply, energy	
o Economic: how urban industrial areas can be a stimulus for economic development	
• Explain why each of the following is considered a **challenge** created by urban growth?	
o Managing urban growth – slums, squatter settlements	
o Providing clean water, sanitation systems and energy	
o Providing access to services – health and education	
o Reducing unemployment and crime	
o Managing environmental issues – waste disposal, air and water pollution, traffic congestion	
• Using an example, how is urban planning improving the quality of life for the urban poor?	

What is the distribution of population and major cities in the UK?	
Answer the following questions about a **case study** of a major city in the UK:	▓
• What is the location and importance of the city in the UK and the wider world?	
• What are the impacts of national and international migration on the growth and character of the city?	
• Explain why each of the following is considered an **opportunity** created by urban change:	▓
◦ Social and economic: cultural mix, recreation and entertainment, employment, integrated transport systems	
◦ Environmental: urban greening	
• Explain why each of the following is considered a **challenge** created by urban change:	▓
◦ 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	
• Answer the following questions about an **example** of an urban regeneration?	▓
◦ Why did the area need regeneration?	
◦ What are the main features of the project?	
Can you explain why the following are considered features of sustainable urban living:	▓
• Water and energy conservation	
• Waste recycling	
• Creating green space	
How are urban transport strategies being used to reduce traffic congestion?	

Think about the statements that you identified as RED or AMBER. You will need to ensure that you revise these areas and then test your knowledge and understanding.

Key

:-D — I know this very well

:-| — I know some of this but I am not confident

:-(— I don't know this

End of Topic Review

End of topic assessment grade / mark:	Areas of strength:

Set yourself two targets that will help you to improve and close any gaps in your knowledge and understanding:

Target 1:

Target 2: