Urban Issues and Challenges

Brownfield Land	Land that has been previously built on. The buildings may still be standing or demolished.
Commuter Settlement	A residential area where a significant proportion of the population travels regularly to a nearby city or town for work, rather than working locally.
Dereliction	Where buildings are left unused or unoccupied.
Ethnic Minorities	Groups of people that make up a small proportion of the total population.
Formal Work	Employment which has a contract, set wage, and is taxed and fully registered
Greenfield Land	Land that hasn't been built on before, often used for farming or left naturally
Informal Work	Self-employed or temporary work, which provides a small wage and limited health regulations. Usually unregulated and not taxed.
Integrated Transport	A system that links different types of transportation to give commuters access to the whole city.
International Migration	The movement of people between countries, for work or long term residence.
Megacity	A city with a population greater than 10 million people
Multiculturalism	A city that shares and encourages many different cultures and religions, besides the national culture
National Migration	When people (usually young people) move to a new area within their home country in order to find employment or greater opportunities
Population Density	The amount of people per square area of land. It's a measure of how squashed together or spread out a population is.
Pull Factors	Reasons why a person may feel attracted towards living in the city
Push Factors	Reasons why a person may feel they need to move away from a rural area
Regeneration	A city tries to change its appearance or reputation through new building constructions.
Remittance	A family member living in a different country can send money back to their country of origin to support their family substantially.
Respiratory Conditions	Illnesses that affect your breathing, for example asthma or lung disease.
Rural-Urban Migration	Individuals move their homes from a rural area to the urban city, for work opportunities or a better quality of life.
Sustainability	A city which has minimal environmental damage and social inequality, whilst conserving resources for the future
Squatter Settlements	Clusters of temporary housing which migrants or low income families live in, often built on unfavourable land
Urban Greening	Growing more vegetation and trees in the centre of a city. For example, growing plants of office rooftops or mini allotments on pavements
Urban Sprawl	The process of a city growing and spreading out, taking over surrounding greenfield land.

The Changing Economic World

Agriculture	A primary industry focused on growing and harvesting crops
Capitalism	An economic system where trade is run by private companies for profit.
Colonialism	Control over another country, exploiting people and resources.
Communism	System of communal ownership aiming for financial equality.
Corruption	The unfair and abusive actions of those in power for their own private gain
Deindustrialisation	The reduction in traditional industries such as farming, mining, and manufacturing
Demographic Transition Model	A 5-stage model which describes population changes as a country develops.
Economic Inequality	The difference in wealth between richest and poorest populations.
Fairtrade	Products which are certified to directly benefit the producers in LICs
GNI per capita	Gross National Income. Total income of a country divided by the population.
Governance	The structures and individuals who make key decisions to control and manage an organisation or nation.
Higher Income Country (HIC)	A country of high wealth and level of development
Human Development Index	A measure of several indicators including life expectancy, inequality and education.
Indicator	A way of measuring development, which focuses on the social, economic or environmental development.
Infant Mortality Rate	The ratio of children under 5 years old that die compared to the total number of births.
Intermediate Technology	Technology suitable for use in developing countries, typically making use of locally available resources.
Landlocked	A country which lacks a coastline and is entirely surrounded by land
Life Expectancy	Average number of years a person is expected to live.
Literacy Rate	The percentage of people who can read and write.
Lower Income Country (LIC)	A country of low wealth and a limited level of development.
Microfinance Loan	A small-scale loan, often provided to low-income individuals or groups, to help them start or expand businesses or improve their livelihoods.
Migration	The movement of people from their home country to a new country of residence
Newly Emerging Economy (NEE)	A country that is experiencing rapid economic growth, transitioning from a developing to a more developed state.

Non-Government	A company or organisation that operates separate from the government, but doesn't aim
Organisation (NGO)	to make a profit (e.g. charities, universities).
Primary Industry	Industry which involves the growing, extraction, or collection of raw materials from the Earth or sea.
Quality of Life	The standard of living of a person or a community. Many factors can affect this including health, comfort and access to services.
Regeneration	The process of revitalising and improving a place, often one that has experienced decline, by addressing social, economic, and physical issues.
Secondary Industry	Industry that converts the raw materials provided by primary industry into commodities and products for the consumer; manufacturing industry.
Social Inequality	The difference in quality of life between the highest income family and lowest income household.
Squatter Settlements	Clusters of temporary housing which migrants or low-income families typically live in, often built on unfavourable land.
Tertiary Industry	Industries concerned with providing services (marketing, teaching, healthcare, legal, finance)
Transnational Corporations (TNCs)	A large company that operates in multiple countries, often with a central headquarters in one nation.
Quaternary Industry	A knowledge-based sector focused on specialised information-based services, research, and development.