

Chapter 1 Examination Questions

Multiple Choice

1. While only 9% of the world's population lived in cities in 1900, approximately what percent will be city dwellers in 2050 if present trends continue?
 - a. 33%
 - b. 66%
 - c. 88%
 - d. 99%

Correct Answer: B

1.1: Recognize how most people are captivated by cities

Topic/Concept: Why Study the City?

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

2. Although the human species has existed on Earth for at least 200,000 years, cities began to appear how many years ago?
 - a. 50,000
 - b. 25,000
 - c. 10,000
 - d. 5,000

Correct Answer: C

1.4: Describe the ecological process of invasion–succession as seen in emerging cities

Topic/Concept: The Complexity of the City: Various Perspectives

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

3. What city did Richard Henry Dana allude to in his classic *Two Years Before the Mast*?
 - a. New York
 - b. Pittsburgh
 - c. Boston
 - d. San Francisco

Correct Answer: D

1.3a: Investigate the factors that lead to urban growth and development

1.3b: Evaluate the characteristics of the urban way of life

Topic/Concept: The Urban Transformation

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

4. Early sociologists were pessimistic about the study of cities because city life was

considered dangerous. More contemporary studies have shown this to be based on

- a. economic conditions.
- b. political unrest.
- c. false evidence.
- d. hard science.

Correct Answer: C

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Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Apply What You Know

5. When did early sociologists begin to turn their attentions to cities?
- a. The late 17th century
 - b. The mid-18th century
 - c. The late 19th century
 - d. The mid-20th century

Correct Answer: C

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6. Early scholars of urbanization portrayed the city as
- a. a place of unlimited opportunity.
 - b. a dangerous place where community and family were threatened.
 - c. a place where both opportunity and danger coexisted.
 - d. the main cause of industrialization.

Correct Answer: B

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7. The area of study in which urbanists try to understand why cities are located in particular places is called
- a. urban geography.
 - b. urban ecology.
 - c. social psychology.
 - d. social demography.

Correct Answer: A

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9. The “anatomy” of modern North American cities has been characterized by declining population growth. Which of the following regions best illustrate this phenomenon?
- Sunbelt region
 - Midwest
 - New England
 - Northwest

Correct Answer: A

1.5: Enumerate the population percentage change of the 30 largest U.S. Cities
Topic/Concept: The Anatomy of Modern North American Cities
Difficulty Level: Moderate
Skill Level: Apply what you know

10. Demographers suggest that the growth of exurban regions far beyond the urban core results from
- the desire of many people to live a simpler life.
 - a disdain for suburban life.
 - a breakdown of the traditional family unit.
 - the exodus of business and industry from central cities.

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11. According to Macionis and Parrillo, the most important consequence of declining population growth in central cities for the people who remain is
- less opportunity to build a sense of community.
 - less choice in consumption as a result of industry flight.
 - more free space.
 - less federal funding and political representation.

Correct Answer: D

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Topic/Concept: 1.5: The Anatomy of Modern North American Cities

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Apply What You Know

12. Through emerging social structures, urban living is shaped by
- transportation and public utilities.
 - wealth and power disparities.
 - individual choice and freedom.
 - racial and ethnic identities.

Correct Answer: B

1.3b: Evaluate the characteristics of the urban way of life

Topic/Concept: The Urban Transformation

Difficulty Level: Difficult

Skill Level: Analyze It

13. Cities are growing the fastest in the developing world. What is one negative consequence of this?
- Urbanization is becoming less effective.
 - Poverty and disease from urbanization
 - Capitalism's growth within urbanization
 - Urbanization has increased access to health care.

Correct Answer: A

1.6: Explain how the urban situation is desperate in most cities of the developing world

Topic/Concept: The City in Global Perspective

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Apply What You Know

14. Quality of urban life is indicated, in part, by
- lack of material wealth.
 - degree of safety and security.
 - presence of cultural capital.
 - access to leisure activities.

Correct Answer: B

1.7: Express the role played by cities in the progress of human civilization

Topic/Concept: The Quality of City Life

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Apply What You Know

True/False

15. Cities are inextricably connected to the larger societies of which they are a part, and have been the economic, political, and artistic core of various civilizations.

Correct Answer: T

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16. Cities have been the dominant type of human settlement since 2000 B.C.E.

Correct Answer: F

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17. San Francisco, once known as Yerba Buena (“good herbs”), has always been an easygoing city.

Correct Answer: F

1.3a: Investigate the factors that lead to urban growth and development

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Difficulty Level: Easy

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18. The Industrial Revolution was seen by the first urban sociologists as an important factor influencing the character of urban life, and contributed to their relatively pessimistic evaluation of cities. Today, however, cities are viewed more neutrally.

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19. Reactions to cities are highly personal and based in various social psychological perspectives.

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20. Aristotle suggested people come to the city for security and remain to pursue “the good life.”

Correct Answer: T

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21. Invasion and succession is a well-documented ecological process by which whole sections of a city change.

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22. While the study of the economics of land use within cities was dominated until the 1960s by an ecological model emphasizing internal competition among residents, many urbanists today embrace the critical urban theory perspective, which highlights the influence of external political forces.

Correct Answer: T

1.2: Examine the four criteria for defining an urban area

Topic/Concept: Deciding What Is “Urban”

Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Apply What You Know

23. The economic function of medieval cities is greater than that of contemporary cities.

Correct Answer: T

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24. All advocates of the critical urban theory perspective are Marxists.

Correct Answer: F

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Skill Level: Apply What You Know

25. The relatively recent decline in urban population growth is primarily a result of an aging population desiring more comfortable living arrangements and business and industry flight from central cities.

Correct Answer: T

1.5: Enumerate the population percentage change of the 30 largest U.S. Cities

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26. Los Angeles is the largest city in the United States.

Correct Answer: T

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27. About 30 cities in the United States have more than 1 million residents.

Correct Answer: F

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28. An important aspect of a city's social structure is the racial, ethnic, and gender character of its economic and political disparity.

Correct Answer: T

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29. Because cities concentrate everything human into a relatively small space, they intensify

the effects of class, ethnicity, gender, and race.

Correct Answer: T

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Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

30. The world's cities are growing by approximately 360,000 people each year.

Correct Answer: T

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Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

31. While Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East are experiencing higher levels of urbanization, North America, Europe, the former Soviet Union, and Asia are experiencing much lower rates.

Correct Answer: F

1.3a: Investigate the factors that lead to urban growth and development

Topic/Concept: The Urban Transformation

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

32. Although people come to the city hoping to find "the good life," many do not find it.

Correct Answer: T

1.7: Express the role played by cities in the progress of human civilization

Topic/Concept: The Quality of City Life

Difficulty Level: Easy

Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

33. Strong, community-oriented neighborhoods have weakened in recent decades, and some areas have disappeared altogether.

Correct Answer: T

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34. A focus on the potential material benefits of city life alone is justified given that the

majority of people residing in cities experience safety, security, and community.

Correct Answer: F

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Essay/Discussion

35. Explain why historical and comparative analyses are necessary for understanding cities and contemporary existence.

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Difficulty Level: Moderate

Skill Level: Apply What You Know

36. According to anthropological and historical accounts, it took approximately 10,000 years for the dominant type of human settlement to change from nomadic to village to urban. Since the mid-18th century, however, urbanization has increased much more rapidly. What explanations are currently offered for this phenomenon?

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37. What are the four main analytical fields within contemporary urban sociology, and what does each contribute to our understanding of urban life?

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38. What role, if any, does emergent United States capitalism play in the shaping of the study of urban sociology?

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39. Explain the primary analytical difference between the older urban ecology and the newer

urban political economy model.

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Skill Level: Apply What You Know

40. Why do the authors of the text suggest we must not simply analyze statistics, but must also “go and make our visit” to the city if we are to fully comprehend urban life? Do you agree or disagree with their argument?

1.1: Recognize how most people are captivated by cities

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41. Explain the two main reasons given by demographers for the recent slowing of central city urban growth and the quickening of exurban growth.

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Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

42. What is meant by social structure, and why is it an important analytical consideration for some urbanists?

1.3b: Evaluate the characteristics of the urban way of life

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Difficulty Level: Moderate

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