Section A
Urban issues and challenges

Your exam

Section A Urban issues and challenges is part of Paper 2: Challenges in the human environment.

Paper 2 is a one-and-a-half hour written exam and makes up 35 per cent of your GCSE. The whole paper carries 88 marks (including 3 marks for SPaG) – questions on Section A will carry 33 marks.

You need to study all the topics in Section A – in your final exam you will have to answer questions on all of them.

Tick these boxes to build a record of your revision

Your revision checklist

Spec key idea	Theme	1	2	3
13 The urban world				
A growing percentage of the world's population lives in urban areas	13.1 An increasingly urban world			
	13.2 Factors affecting the rate of urbanisation			
Urban growth creates opportunities and challenges for cities in low income countries and newly emerging economies	13.3 Introducing Rio de Janeiro			
	13.4 Social opportunities in Rio			
	13.5 Economic opportunities in Rio			
	13.6 Managing the challenges of urban growth			
	13.7 Managing water, sanitation and energy			
	13.8 Social challenges – access to health and education			
	13.9 Challenges of social and environmental issues			
	13.10 Planning for Rio's urban poor			
Geographical skills	13.11 Skills Focus: Line chart and satellite image			
14 Urban change in the UK				
Urban change in cities in the UK leads to a variety of social, economic and environmental opportunities and challenges	14.1 Where do people live in the UK?			
	14.2 Introducing Bristol			
	14.3 How can urban change create opportunities? (1)			
	14.4 How can urban change create opportunities? (2)			
	14.5 How can urban change create opportunities? (3)			
	14.6 Urban change – challenges (1)			
Geographical skills	14.7 Skills Focus: Graphs and statistical skills			
	14.8 Urban change – challenges (2)			
	14.9 Urban change – challenges (3)			
	14.10 Urban regeneration in Bristol (1)			
	14.11 Urban regeneration in Bristol (2)			
15 Sustainable urban development				
Urban sustainability requires management of resources and transport	15.1 Planning for urban sustainability			
	15.2 Sustainable traffic management strategies			