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Paper 1

Answer 1

Indicative content	General guidance		
• Cost	The command word 'suggest' requires you to give sensible reasons		
• Space			
 Customers 			
 Transport 			
 Workers 			

Commentary
Marks awarded 4/4
This is one possible way to answer this question -
your answer does not have to be exactly the same
One mark will be awarded for each point made



Answer 2

Indicative content	General guidance
 Air pollution 	The command word 'explain' means that you need to name the problem
 Water pollution 	and then say why it has occurred
 Congestion 	
High	
unemployment	
 Waste 	
 Lack of 	
housing	

Model Answer	Commentary
When there is a high population in a city there are not enough houses for people [1]	Marks awarded 4/4
and this means illegal settlements are built [1]	This is one possible way to answer this question - your answer does not have to be exactly the same
As more people move to cities, more people use cars and motorbikes [1] and this creates air pollution [1]	One mark each is awarded for increased housing demand and traffic the second marks are awarded for explanation of what problems they create

Answer 3

Indicative content	General guidance
 Sanitation and health Crime Pride Pollution cost 	The command word 'explain' means that you need to name the problem and then say why it has occurred In your answer you must justify your answer and make a choice of the four strategies



Model Answer	Commentary	
Self-help schemes are the best option to	Marks awarded 5/5	
improve squatter settlements.	This is one possible way to answer this question - your answer does not have to be exactly the same and you can choose any strategy	
Residents can build their own homes and this means that they can legally own a house [1]		
Training is provided so residents will learn new	One mark will be awarded for each point made	
skills which they could use to help get a job [1]	or 1 mark for a development point	
This strategy saves money since no builders are needed and this money can be used to	The answer outlines the advantages of the strategy chosen and gives an example to	
improve the water and energy supply [1]	support the answer	
People work together and this increases community spirit in the area [1]		
The Bairro Project in Rio is an example of a		
self-help scheme that has improved the quality of life for its residents [1d]		
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Answer 4

(i)

Central Business District

(ii)

A street which is pedestrianised = The Corso / Manly Plaza / Market Lane a form of public transport which serves Manly CBD = Bus



(iii)

Ideas such as:

It is only a small area;

Pressure on land / lots of competing land uses;

High values;

More economical way of using the land

Etc.

(iv)

Ideas such as:

Cheaper land values in rural urban-fringe;

Can afford land to build a bigger store;

With room for parking;

Easier road access / can access by ring road / avoids congestion in CBD;

Attracts customers from other towns/rural areas;

More pleasant environment/scenery

Etc.

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Answer 5

(i)

Ideas such as:

To provide housing:

For industrial/business use:

Example of other use eg schools/hospitals/shopping malls, etc.;

To create employment;

Boost (local) economy;

Lots of space/free space there/marginal land/waste land/land is in short supply closer to centre/land is not being used for other purposes;

Land is cheap;



(ii)

Ideas such as people may agree because it:

Will improve visual environment;

Will provide employment;

In construction and in long term;

Multiplier effect/stimulates (local) economic growth/attracts other businesses;

People need more homes;

Businesses will be in easy reach of people living in suburbs/people will be able to access

named services, etc.

People may be opposed to it due to:

Increased traffic:

Noise:

Loss of amenity value;

Destruction of natural vegetation/deforestation;

Loss of habitat:

Loss of farmland:

Water/air pollution;

etc.

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Note: Reserve 1 mark for each of agree/oppose

Answer 6

(i)

Ideas such as:

Number of vehicles will increase/double:

Population will increase:

There will be more people working/more journeys to work/more rush hour journeys/traffic;

Not enough/lack of investment in/neglected/poor public transport/railways, etc.



(ii)

Ideas such as:

Build new/upgrade railway lines/stations/systems;

Underground railway/metro;

More/bigger/double decker trains/buses/more bus routes;

Bus only lanes;

Reduce costs of public transport;

Trams;

Monorail;

Build new roads/dual carriageways;

Build ring roads/by passes;

Widen roads;

Flyovers;

Underground road/tunnel;

Tidal flow/barriers to alter flow of cars in lanes;

Park and ride:

Congestion charging;

Car number plate scheme; PAPERS PRACTICE

Carpooling/sharing;

Traffic lights/police controlling traffic/roundabouts;

Pedestrianise/car free zones/ban diesel cars

Cycle lanes/cycle hire.

Use bikes/cars/trains etc.^

Encourage use of bikes/cars/trains.^

Answer 7

(i)

12-14 km



(ii)

an area of traditional industry where redevelopment is taking place = B An area where a ring road and business park have recently been built on greenfield sites = E

(iii)

Dislikely to:

be newer;

have a lower density;

be higher cost;

have detached/semi-detached houses rather than terraced/semi-detached

rather than detached:

have gardens/drives/garages

Etc.

(iv)

Services such as:

newsagent; AM PAPERS PRACTICE

general store;

grocers; All Complete Process

primary school;

church etc.

Reasons such as:

they will have a small sphere of influence;

people will not travel far to use them;

threshold population will be small;

there will be lots of similar services:

people will use them frequently;

they sell convenience goods

Etc.

2 Marks MAX for each of examples and reasons.



Paper 2

Answer 1

(i)

Indicative content	General guidance
• Size	The command word 'describe' requires you to say what you can see
• Style	
 Density 	
 Material 	

Model Answer	Commentary
The houses in Fig 1.1 are detached [1]. They have a	Marks awarded 4/4
pitched roof [1] Some have had conservatories added [1] The houses have two storeys[1]	This is one possible way to answer this
[1] The flouses have two stoleys[1]	question - your answer does not have
	to be exactly the same
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(ii)

Indicative content	General guidance
Density	The command word 'give' requires you to state 4 differences.
• Storeys	There must be comparison between houses in the two figures
Material	
Window size	
 Uniformity 	



Model Answer			Commentary
Fig 1.2 are single storey houses but Fig 1.1		Marks awarded 4/4	
are two storey houses [1]		This is one possible	e way to answer this question –
In Fig 1.2 the houses are terraced but in Fig		your answer does not have to be exactly the same	
1.1 they are detached [1]		One mark will be awarded for each point made	
Houses in Fig 1.2 are all the sam in Fig 1.1 the houses each look of			
The windows in Fig 1.2 are large windows in Fig 1.1 [1]	er than the		
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