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Question 1

Study Fig 1, which shows a retail park

Fig 1 – Retail Park

With reference to the photograph, suggest why many new shopping centers locate out of town

[4 marks]

Question 2

Increased urbanisation can cause problems in cities. Explain two problems that can occur.

[4 marks]

Question 3

Study Fig 1, which shows strategies which can be used to improve squatter settlements.

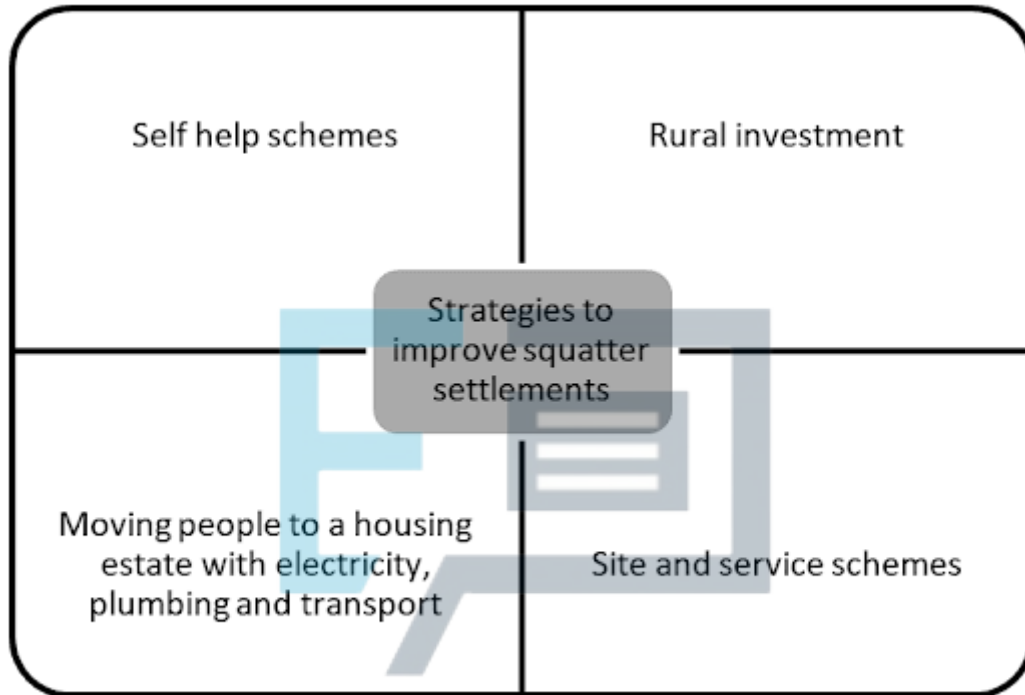| Self help schemes	Rural investment
Strategies to improve squatter settlements	
Moving people to a housing estate with electricity, plumbing and transport	Site and service schemes

Fig 1 – Strategies to improve squatter settlements

Which strategy shown in Fig 1, do you consider to be the best one to improve the lives of people living in squatter settlements? Justify your answer by referring to the advantages of the strategy you have chosen. Reference to examples may help your answer

[5 marks]

Question 4

Study Fig. 2.1(below), which is a map of the CBD of Manly, Australia (an MEDC).

(i)   What is meant by the initials CBD?

C............................B............................D............................

[1]

(ii)   Identify from Fig. 2.1:

- a street which is pedestrianised

- a form of public transport which serves Manly CBD.

[2]

(iii)   Explain why there are high-rise buildings in the CBD of many urban areas.

[3]

(iv)   Explain why some shops and services are being located in shopping malls in the rural-urban fringe.

[4]

[10 marks]

Question 5

Figure 2.2

Figure 2.3

Study Figs. 2.2 and 2.3, which are photographs taken in an area which is being developed in the rural-urban fringe a small town.

(i)   Suggest **three** reasons why the rural-urban fringe shown in Figs. 2.2 and 2.3 is being developed.

[3]

(ii)   Suggest why some people may agree with the development of the area shown in Figs. 2.2 and 2.3 but other people may oppose it.

[5]

[8 marks]

Question 6

Study Fig. 2.2, which is information about traffic congestion in Gauteng, a province in South Africa.

Fig 2.2

According to Ismail Vadi, a member of the Executive Council for Roads and Transport in Gauteng, traffic congestion is likely to increase in the next 25 years. The number of vehicles is expected to double and cause average speed in urban areas during peak hours to drop from the current 48 km/h to 10 km/h.

He recently released the Integrated Transport Master Plan (ITMP25), which shows that the province's population will increase from 12.4 million to 18.7 million and its working population will grow to 8.6 million, increasing rush hour passenger journeys to 25 million a day. ITMP25 plans to prioritise the use of public transport, particularly the rail network, which has lacked investment in the last 20 years. If nothing is done there will be a severe impact on the built and natural environment and the quality of lives of residents will deteriorate.

(i)   Using Fig. 2.2 only, give three reasons why urban areas in Gauteng will experience increased traffic congestion.

[3]

(ii)   Using Fig. 2.2 and your own knowledge, suggest how traffic problems could be reduced in urban areas in Gauteng.

[5]

[8 marks]

Question 7

Study Fig. 2.1, which is a transect across a city inBelgium, an MEDC in Europe.
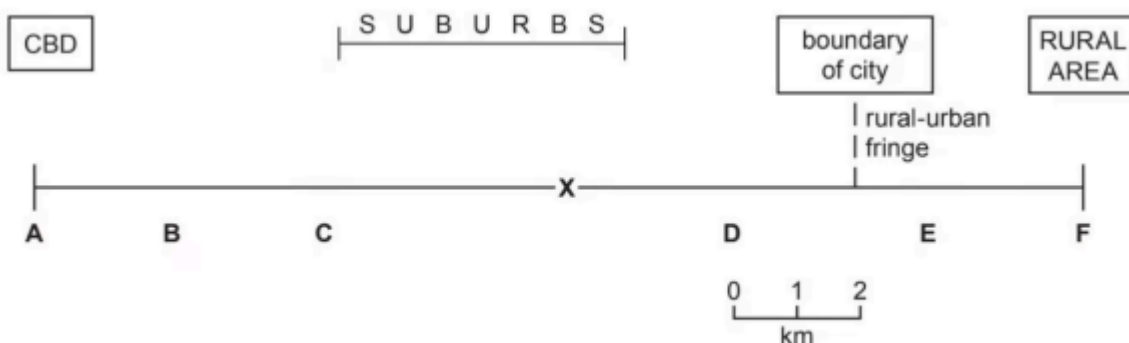
Fig. 2.1

(i)   What is the distance from the CBD to the boundary of the city?

........................km

[1]

(ii)   Identify from Fig. 2.1 the letter which represents:

– an area of traditional industry where redevelopment is taking place

– an area where a ring road and business park have recently been built on greenfield sites

[2]

(iii) State **three** likely differences between residential areas **C** and **D** in the MEDC city shown in Fig. 2.1.

[3]

(iv)   Give **two** examples of low-order services which are likely to be located close to residential areas such as in area X in Fig. 2.1.
Explain why many of the services in this area are likely to be low-order services.

Example 1 ....

Example 2 ....

Explanation ....

[4]
[10 marks]

Paper 2

Question 1

Fig 1.1

Fig 1.2

(i) Describe the housing shown in Fig 1.1

[4]

(ii) Give 4 differences between the residential areas shown in Fig 1.1 and Figure 1.2

[4]

[8 marks]