

**Post Graduate Diploma in Urban Environmental Management and Law
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Total Marks: 50

The word limits and marks allocated to each question are mentioned after the question

Assignment – 1

Q1. *“Urbanisation is not an unmixed blessing. Its negative consequences are of great concern. These assume critical role under situation of rapid and uncontrolled or unplanned urban expansion. The negative consequences can be grouped as the following: Environmental consequences-- encroachment on productive agricultural land and forests, extreme pressure on housing, growth of slums and the pressure on and urban services; Economic consequences-- income inequality and poverty, ill effects of globalisation; Social consequences-- increased violence and crime, social degradation; Cultural consequences-- entry of alien culture, loss of national cultural identity¹”.*

Briefly comment on the following:

- a) **What do you understand by urbanization and explain the causes of urbanization.**
- b) **What are the negative consequences of rapid and unplanned urbanization?**

(10 marks each, 800-1000 words each)

Q2. The Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11 aims to make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. Discuss how sustainable urbanization can help in achieving SDG 11.

(10 marks each, 800-1000 words each)

Q3. *“Culture is what makes cities attractive and creative. History shows that culture is at the heart of urban development, as seen through important landmarks, heritage and*

¹ Shishir Reza, SDG 10 & 11: Addressing economic disparities and poor urban settlements, Financial Express, 9th July 2020 <https://thefinancialexpress.com.bd/views/sdg-10-11-addressing-economic-disparities-and-poor-urban-settlements-1594310988>

sitradition. Sans culture, cities are merely concrete and steel constructions prone to social and environmental degradation²".

Comment on the contribution of multiculturalism in shaping sustainable urban development.

(10 marks, 800-1000 words)

Q4. Write a short note on any two of the following:

- a) **The economics of urban infrastructure.**
- b) **Difference between urban growth and urbanization.**
- c) **Green belts in urban landscape.**
- d) **Addressing urban pollution.**

(5 marks each, 400-500 words each)

² Integration of culture with urban strategies can make cities sustainable, Down to Earth, 19th October 2016