

Exercise walk-through

Cities Across the World ■ 6.2

eXercise

You must be able to

- define a **megacity** 特大城市 (over 10 million)
- define a **world (global) city** 世界城市
- explain why world cities are command centres
- distinguish population size from global influence

Method — Megacities and metacities

A **megacity** has over 10 million people; a **metacity** over 20 million. These are defined by sheer **population size**.

Method — World cities

A **world city** is a command centre of the global economy — hosting finance, corporate headquarters, and services that shape world affairs, regardless of raw population.

Method — Size vs influence

A city can be huge but not a world city, or influential without being the largest — size and global power are different things.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

Define a megacity.

Solution 2.1

Worked steps

an urban area with a population over 10 million **B1** people **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Explain why a world city has global influence.

Solution 2.2

Method: Size vs influence

Worked steps

it is a command centre of finance/business/services **B1**; decisions there affect the global economy **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

City A has 15 million people but little global business; City B has 8 million and hosts major banks and headquarters.

- (a) Which is a megacity?
- (b) Which is more of a world city? Explain.

Solution 2.3

Method: World cities

Worked steps

(a) City A (over 10 million) **B1**. (b) City B — it is a command centre of the global economy despite being smaller **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

A city is classified as a megacity based mainly on its

- A** global financial power
- B** population size (over 10 million)
- C** site
- D** relict boundaries

Solution 3.1

A global financial power

B population size (over 10 million)



C site

D relict boundaries

Worked steps

B. a megacity is defined by population over 10 million.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

A world city is best defined by its

- A** raw population
- B** role as a command centre in the global economy
- C** distance from the sea
- D** carrying capacity

Solution 3.2

- A raw population
- B role as a command centre in the global economy 
- C distance from the sea
- D carrying capacity

Worked steps

- B. world-city status comes from global economic command functions.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A finance hub of 9 million shapes global markets.

- (a) Is it necessarily a megacity? Explain.
- (b) State what makes it a world city.

Solution 3.3

Method: World cities

Worked steps

(a) no — under 10 million **B1**. (b) its command role in global finance/business **B1**.