

Exercise walk-through

Cities and Globalization ■ 6.3

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You must be able to

- explain how world cities form an interconnected network
- describe world cities as command and control centres
- explain how globalization concentrates services in cities
- state one effect of this on the cities themselves

Method — A network of world cities

World cities are linked in a **global network**, exchanging capital, information, and people — often more connected to each other than to their own hinterlands.

Method — Command and control

They host corporate headquarters, banks, stock exchanges, and specialised services that direct the global economy.

Method — Effects on the city

This concentration brings wealth and talent but also high living costs and sharp inequality between elite and low-wage workers.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

Explain how world cities are interconnected.

Solution 2.1

Method: A network of world cities

Worked steps

they exchange capital, information, and people **B1** in a global network, often tied to each other more than to their region **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State two functions that make a city a global command centre.

Solution 2.2

Method: Command and control

Worked steps

any two of: corporate headquarters, finance/banking, stock exchange, specialised business services **B1** **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

A world city attracts global banks and highly paid professionals.

- (a) State one benefit to the city.
- (b) State one problem this can create.

Solution 2.3

Worked steps

(a) wealth, jobs, investment, talent **B1**. (b) high living costs / inequality / unaffordable housing **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

World cities are best understood as

- A** isolated from each other
- B** nodes in an interconnected global network
- C** purely agricultural
- D** relict regions

Solution 3.1

Method: A network of world cities

- A isolated from each other
- B nodes in an interconnected global network 
- C purely agricultural
- D relict regions

Worked steps

B. world cities form an interconnected global network.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Globalization tends to concentrate advanced financial services in

A remote villages

B a few world cities

C farming regions

D polar areas

Solution 3.2

- A remote villages
- B a few world cities
- C farming regions
- D polar areas



Worked steps

- B. globalization concentrates high-order services in world cities.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

Two world cities on different continents share constant financial flows.

- (a) What does this show about the global urban system?
- (b) Explain one social cost within such cities.

Solution 3.3

Method: A network of world cities

Worked steps

(a) it is a highly interconnected network of command centres **B1**. (b) sharp inequality / high cost of living for low-wage workers **B1**.