

# 6.2 Cities Across the World

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**Total: 10 marks**

## Objective

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Build the skills to answer exam questions on **world cities** 世界城市 and megacities.

**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

## 1 Worked examples

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Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

### ■ Megacities and metacities

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

### ■ 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.

### ■ 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.

## 2 Practice

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**2.1** Define a megacity. [2]

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**2.2** Explain why a world city has global influence. [2]

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**2.3** 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? [1]

(b) Which is more of a world city? Explain. [1]

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### 3 Exam-style questions

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**3.1** A city is classified as a megacity based mainly on its [1]

- **A** global financial power
  - **B** population size (over 10 million)
  - **C** site
  - **D** relict boundaries
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**3.2** A world city is best defined by its [1]

- **A** raw population
  - **B** role as a command centre in the global economy
  - **C** distance from the sea
  - **D** carrying capacity
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**3.3** A finance hub of 9 million shapes global markets.

(a) Is it necessarily a megacity? Explain. [1]

(b) State what makes it a world city. [1]

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### 4 Go further

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- work through the **6.2 Cities Across the World** lesson on the **Learn** page;
  - read the **Cities and Urban Land-Use** section of the AP Human Geography handout on the **Know** page.
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## Solutions

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

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

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

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

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

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