

Urban Growth in Mumbai

- 1) What is a megacity? Where are most megacities today? Which regions of the world have the fastest rates of **urbanisation**?
- 2) Where is Mumbai within India and what are the reasons why the site was good for a settlement.
- 3) How important is Mumbai to the Indian economy – use GDP (**Gross Domestic Product**) figures and note its main industries and employers.
- 4) Why is Mumbai rapidly growing – include **urban to rural migration** (with push and pull factors) and the high **rate of natural increase** within the city. Use population data in your notes.
- 5) What are the social opportunities for migrants moving to Mumbai – including better access education, health, transport, electricity, telecommunications. Use facts and figures.
- 6) What are the economic opportunities for migrants moving to Mumbai – including the availability of employment in the **informal** sector and higher pay. Use facts and figures.
- 7) What are the challenges created by rapid urban growth? Use facts and figures in your notes.
 - a. the growth of slums (**squatter settlements**).
 - b. poor **sanitation** and limited access to clean water.
 - c. problems accessing hospitals and schools.
 - d. issues with rubbish disposal and recycling.
 - e. traffic congestion and air pollution.
 - f. unemployment and crime
- 8) Explain the two approaches to improving the quality of life for the urban poor. **Top down** slum clearance and redevelopment versus **bottom up** incremental housing improvement. Advantages and disadvantages of each method.