

6.2 Cities Across the World

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Objective

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

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

2.1 Define a megacity. [2]

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

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]

3 Exam-style questions

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

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

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]

Solutions

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.