



Canarygeog Worksheet

Urban Problems - Answers

1. In theory, which zone of the city is usually the most deprived? Why?

In the Inner City. Houses are old and not well built.

2. Why did the Inner City decline rapidly during the last half of the 20th century ?

- Congestion
- Pollution (acoustic, air and litter)
- Crime (lots of valuable objects like ipods, computers, video consoles ...)
- Many of the industries closed down due to globalization.

3. Why did the industry relocate out of the inner city?

Because the inner city was dirty, quite run down, crowded and dangerous.

4. Why doesn't new industry locate in the inner city?

- Cost of land which is quite expensive
- Accessibility there is little space, specially for car parking.
- Congestion, roads are narrow and awkward for trucks and business vehicles.

5. In most MEDCs where is the industry located today ?

In the periphery.

6. What is a shanty town ?

Shanty towns are squatter settlements which arise in areas where there are no houses, it is an unplanned type of settlement made up of trash and waste materials and is usually located in the outskirts of the city.

7. What is a squatter ?

A squatter is a person that settles on land without the legal right to stay there.

8. What are shanty towns called in Brazil ?

Favelas

9. Where are shanty towns usually located ? (what area of the city)

In the less favourable areas of LEDC cities, usually on hillsides or swamp areas.

10. Why do shanty towns develop where they are ?

Because this land was empty.

11. What problems do people living in favelas have to cope with ?

- Lack of clean water (lack of running water)
- Lack of sanitation and toilets (no sewage systems)
- Poor health care (high rates of sickness, specially diarrhea among children)
- High death rates due to living conditions.
- Poor housing quality, specially in cold wet weather.
- Street crime, drugs, violence, prostitution ...

12. What can be done to improve a favela ?

- Improve infrastructure : pave roads
- Improve sanitation : install sewage systems and running clean water.
- Improving the housing
- Improving law and order.

13. Why would making the favelas a legal settlement benefit the residents ?

This would give them a permanent place to live allowing them to work on their houses and improve them knowing that they won't be knocked down in the future.