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Section A: Urban Issues and Challenges – Global urban patterns and urban challenges in Low Income Countries (LICs) / Newly Emerging Economies (NEEs)

Keyword	Definition
Urban area	A town, city or built-up area
Urbanisation	An increase in the percentage of a country's population who live in urban areas
Megacity	A city with a population of over 10 million people
Rate of Natural Increase	An increase in the population of an area – such as a city – due to the changes in birth rate and death rate. In cities birth rates are still higher than death rates, so the population is increasing
Rural to urban migration	The permanent movement of people from countryside areas to towns and cities. It is one of the main reasons for the increase in population in cities in LICs / NEEs
Urban challenge	The negative features of living in a city, based on social and economic factors
Urban opportunity	The positive features of living in a city, based on social and economic factors
Squatter settlements or Shanty towns	Illegal housing areas in cities that lack features such as permanent houses, sanitation, healthcare and education
Informal sector employment	Non-contract jobs with low wages or job security, in which the worker is only paid when a good is sold or a service carried (i.e. no hourly rate)
Urban planning	Improving living conditions in towns and cities by ensuring better quality housing and access to services such as healthcare and education