

Urban Planning Fundamentals

Urban Planning · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. Which ancient Mesopotamian city is known for its well-organized grid street plan and drainage systems?

- A) Babylon
- B) Ur**
- C) Nineveh
- D) Uruk

2. The Haussmann renovation of Paris in the mid-19th century is famous for creating what?

- A) Elevated highways
- B) Wide boulevards and parks**
- C) Underground pedestrian tunnels
- D) Skyscraper districts

3. Which city's planning is heavily influenced by its unique canal system, often referred to as the 'Venice of the North'?

- A) Amsterdam**
- B) Stockholm
- C) Bruges
- D) Saint Petersburg

4. The concept of 'Garden Cities' was popularized by Ebenezer Howard. What was the primary goal of this concept?

- A) To build higher density housing
- B) To integrate urban and rural living**
- C) To create exclusively commercial zones
- D) To encourage rapid industrialization

5. Brasília, the capital of Brazil, is renowned for its modernist urban design, often described as a 'bird' in plan. Who was its principal architect?

- A) Le Corbusier
- B) Oscar Niemeyer**
- C) Frank Lloyd Wright
- D) Walter Gropius

6. Which city's original layout is characterized by concentric circles radiating from a central point, a design often seen in medieval fortified towns?

- A) Rome
- B) Paris
- C) Madrid
- D) Florence**

7. The 'City Beautiful' movement in the United States, prominent in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, emphasized what?

- A) Industrial efficiency
- B) Grand civic spaces and monumental architecture**
- C) Suburban sprawl
- D) Automobile-centric design

8. Which of these cities is known for its extensive network of underground railways, a major form of urban public transport?

- A) Tokyo**
- B) Los Angeles
- C) Sydney
- D) Mumbai

9. The city of Dubai is famous for its rapid development and modern infrastructure, including what type of structure that has become a global icon?

- A) Ancient aqueducts
- B) Pyramids
- C) Skyscrapers**
- D) Medieval castles

10. The concept of 'New Urbanism' advocates for what type of urban design?

- A) Car-dependent suburbs
- B) Walkable neighborhoods and mixed-use development**
- C) Massive industrial parks
- D) Exclusive gated communities

11. Which city's historical center is a UNESCO World Heritage site and features a unique radial street plan originating from the Acropolis?

- A) Rome
- B) Athens**
- C) Istanbul
- D) Cairo

12. The development of public parks in Victorian-era cities was often a response to what?

- A) Increased automobile traffic
- B) Industrialization and its impact on public health**
- C) The rise of skyscrapers
- D) The growth of online commerce

13. Which city is a prime example of a planned capital city built on a relatively undeveloped site in the 18th century?

- A) London
- B) New York
- C) Washington D.C.**
- D) Beijing

14. The term 'sprawl' in urban planning refers to what?

- A) Dense, compact city development
- B) Low-density, spread-out development**
- C) Underground city construction
- D) Vertical urban expansion

15. Which European city's historical development is strongly linked to its location on a major river, facilitating trade and transport?

- A) Helsinki
- B) Prague
- C) Vienna**
- D) Oslo

16. The concept of '15-minute cities' aims to ensure residents can access most of their daily needs within what distance?

- A) One hour's drive
- B) A short walk or bike ride**
- C) A high-speed train journey
- D) A ferry crossing

17. Which ancient Roman engineering innovation significantly improved the water supply to cities?

- A) Cranes
- B) Aqueducts**
- C) Elevators
- D) Paved roads

18. Curitiba, Brazil, is often cited as a model for sustainable urban planning, particularly for its innovative what?

A) Skyscraper design

B) Public transportation system

C) Underground parking

D) Artificial beaches

19. The development of the modern skyscraper was made possible by advancements in what materials and technologies?

A) Wood and thatch

B) Iron framing and elevators

C) Stone and mortar only

D) Mud bricks and reeds

20. Which Asian metropolis is known for its highly efficient and extensive Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) system, a key component of its urban planning?

A) Manila

B) Bangkok

C) Singapore

D) Kuala Lumpur