

Urban Planning Fundamentals

Urban Planning · Practice Test · 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