

Historical Milestones in Urban Planning

Urban Planning · Answer Key · 18 Questions

1. Which 19th-century urban planner is famously associated with the massive renovation of Paris, replacing narrow medieval streets with wide boulevards?

- A) Georges-Eugène Haussmann**
- B) Robert Moses
- C) Daniel Burnham
- D) Le Corbusier

2. The 'Garden City' movement, which proposed self-contained communities surrounded by greenbelts, was initiated in 1898 by whom?

- A) Patrick Geddes
- B) Ebenezer Howard**
- C) Camillo Sitte
- D) Jane Jacobs

3. Which ancient civilization is credited with the earliest known use of a grid-based city plan, seen in sites like Mohenjo-Daro?

- A) The Romans
- B) The Egyptians
- C) The Indus Valley Civilization**
- D) The Mesopotamians

4. In 1811, New York City adopted a major master plan that established the grid system for Manhattan; what is this plan officially called?

- A) The Manhattan Protocol
- B) The Commissioners' Plan**
- C) The Empire Grid
- D) The Dutch Settlement Act

5. The 'City Beautiful' movement in the United States, which emphasized monumental grandeur and civic pride, gained major national attention after which 1893 event?

- A) The Philadelphia Centennial
- B) The World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago**
- C) The New York World's Fair
- D) The Pan-American Exposition

6. What was the primary goal of the 'Law of the Indies', issued by the Spanish monarchy in 1573 for colonial settlements?

- A) To maximize agricultural output
- B) To standardize city design and grid patterns for colonial towns**
- C) To enforce religious segregation
- D) To prioritize high-rise construction

7. The 1929 'Regional Plan of New York and Its Environs' is widely considered the first example of what type of urban planning?

- A) Transit-Oriented Development
- B) Metropolitan Regional Planning**
- C) Vertical Zoning
- D) Sustainable Urbanism

8. Who authored the influential 1961 book 'The Death and Life of Great American Cities', which criticized mid-century urban renewal policies?

- A) Jane Jacobs**
- B) Lewis Mumford
- C) Kevin Lynch
- D) James Rouse

9. Which city is famous for its 'Radial Plan', designed by architect Pierre Charles L'Enfant in 1791?

- A) Philadelphia
- B) Washington, D.C.**
- C) Boston
- D) Chicago

10. The 'New Urbanism' movement gained significant momentum in the 1980s with the construction of which iconic Florida town?

- A) Celebration
- B) Seaside**
- C) Coral Gables
- D) The Villages

11. What major London disaster in 1666 led to Christopher Wren's ambitious, though largely unbuilt, master plan for the city?

- A) The Great Plague
- B) The Great Fire**
- C) The Blitz
- D) The Thames Flood

12. Which mid-20th-century urban planning project in St. Louis became a symbol of the failure of modernist public housing design due to its demolition in 1972?

A) Cabrini-Green

B) Pruitt-Igoe

C) Techwood Homes

D) The Bronx River Houses

13. In 1960, the city of Brasília was inaugurated as the new capital of Brazil; who was the lead urban planner behind its 'Pilot Plan'?

A) Oscar Niemeyer

B) Lúcio Costa

C) Roberto Burle Marx

D) Alfonso Reidy

14. The concept of 'Zoning' as a legal tool to regulate land use was first upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in which 1926 case?

A) Village of Euclid v. Ambler Realty Co.

B) Shelley v. Kraemer

C) Plessy v. Ferguson

D) Brown v. Board of Education

15. Which English town is recognized as the first 'Garden City' built according to Ebenezer Howard's principles?

A) Letchworth

B) Welwyn

C) Bournville

D) Port Sunlight

16. The 1933 'Athens Charter', written by the CIAM (Congrès Internationaux d'Architecture Moderne), focused on which urban planning ideology?

A) Historic Preservation

B) Functionalism and the separation of urban functions

C) Mixed-use development

D) Organic city growth

17. What is the name of the 19th-century Spanish engineer who designed the 'Eixample' district of Barcelona, characterized by its octagonal blocks?

A) Antoni Gaudí

B) Ildefons Cerdà

C) Josep Puig i Cadafalch

D) Lluís Domènech i Montaner

18. The 'Dumbbell Tenement' design, common in late 19th-century New York, was primarily intended to address what?

A) Structural instability

B) Lack of light and ventilation

C) Traffic congestion

D) Overpopulation in public parks