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Chapter 1 Examination Questions

Multiple Choice

1. According to the authors, to study the city is to study _____.

   a. concrete buildings
   b. ourselves
   c. weak human settlements
   d. settings of striking homogeneity

   Correct Answer: B
   1.1 : Recognize how most people are captivated by cities
   Topic/Concept: Why Study the City?
   Difficulty Level: Easy
   Skill Level: Remember the Facts

2. Although "modern" humans have existed on the earth for about 200,000 years, cities began to appear only _____ years ago.

   a. 50,000
   b. 25,000
   c. 10,000
   d. 5,000

   Correct Answer: C
   1.4: Gain insights into different approaches in studying cities
   Topic/Concept: The Complexity of the City: Various Perspectives
   Difficulty Level: Easy
   Skill Level: Remember the Facts

3. Which city did Richard Henry Dana allude to in his classic *Two Years Before the Mast* (originally published in 1862)?

   a. New York
   b. Pittsburgh
   c. Boston
   d. San Francisco

   Correct Answer: D
   1.3a: Investigate the factors that lead to urban growth and development
   Topic/Concept: The Urban Transformation
   Difficulty Level: Easy
   Skill Level: Remember the Facts

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4. Many early sociologists shared a _____ vision of the city.

   a. optimistic
   b. materialistic
   c. idealistic
   d. pessimistic

   Correct Answer: D
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5. _____ is primarily a reaction against the assumption that rational, objective efforts can explain reality with any certainty.

   a. Urbanism
   b. Social stratification
   c. Postmodernism
   d. Invasion–succession

   Correct Answer: C
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   Difficulty Level: Easy
   Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

6. The works of many early sociologists portrayed the city as _____.

   a. a place of unlimited and equal opportunity for all
   b. a dangerous place where the traditional values of social life were torn apart
   c. a place where both opportunity and danger coexisted
   d. a cause of industrialization

   Correct Answer: B
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   Difficulty Level: Easy
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7. The area of study which focuses on the significance of the city's location and natural resources is called _____.

   a. urban geography

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b. urban ecology
c. social psychology
d. social demography

Correct Answer: A
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Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

8. The area of study which analyzes how people spread out within an urban area is called _____.

a. urban geography
b. urban ecology
c. social psychology
d. social demography

Correct Answer: B
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Difficulty Level: Easy
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9. According to the text, which cities have gained markedly in population compared to other cities?

a. southern and western cities
b. western and northeastern cities
c. northeaster and midwestern cities
d. midwestern and southern cities

Correct Answer: A
1.5: Understand changing demographics of U.S. cities
Topic/Concept: The Anatomy of Modern North American Cities
Difficulty Level: Easy
Skill Level: Remember the Facts

10. Which recent nationwide trend was augmented by the COVID pandemic?

a. the trend to live a simpler life
b. the trend to live in smaller cities or in areas farther away from central cities
c. the trend to remain in the community where one has spent their whole live
d. the trend to move away from the Sunbelt cities

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Correct Answer: B
1.5: Understand changing demographics of U.S. cities
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Difficulty Level: Moderate
Skill Level: Analyze It

11. Cities that lose ground to other communities, either from a declining population or a low growth rate, _____

a. gain the opportunity to build a sense of community
b. lose the choice in consumption as a result of industry flight
c. gain an invigorated economy
d. lose federal funding and political representation

Correct Answer: D
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Difficulty Level: Moderate
Skill Level: Analyze It

12. The hierarchical ranking of people in terms of valued resources is referred to as _____.

a. urban ecology
b. social stratification
c. postmodernism
d. invasion-succession

Correct Answer: B
1.3b: Evaluate the characteristics of the urban way of life
Topic/Concept: The Urban Transformation
Difficulty Level: Easy
Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

13. The greatest urban growth is occurring in _____.

a. developing countries
b. western countries
c. high-income countries
d. industrialized countries

Correct Answer: A
1.6: Recognize that the urban situation is desperate in most cities of the developing world

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Topic/Concept: The City in Global Perspective
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Skill Level: Remember the Facts

14. The quality of city life is indicated, in part, by _____.

    a. the lack of nonmaterial wealth
    b. the degree of security
    c. the presence of cultural capital
    d. the availability of leisure activities

    Correct Answer: B
    1.7: Examine the promise and peril of living in cities
    Topic/Concept: The Quality of City Life
    Difficulty Level: Moderate
    Skill Level: Analyze It

True/False

15. A dynamic entity unto itself, the city is the most powerful drawing card in human history.

    Correct Answer: T
    1.1 : Recognize how most people are captivated by cities
    Topic/Concept: Why Study the City?
    Difficulty Level: Easy
    Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

16. Our understanding of past cities relies on historical documents.

    Correct Answer: F
    1.4: Gain insights into different approaches in studying cities
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    Difficulty Level: Easy
    Skill Level: Remember the Facts

17. San Francisco, once known as Yerba Buena, has always been an easygoing city.

    Correct Answer: F
    1.3a: Investigate the factors that lead to urban growth and development
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18. Urbanism is a concept referring to social-psychological aspects of life, personality patterns, and behavioral adaptations influenced by the city.

    Correct Answer: T
    1.4: Gain insights into different approaches in studying cities
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    Difficulty Level: Moderate
    Skill Level: Analyze It

19. Reactions to cities are certainly personal, but they are also social.

    Correct Answer: T
    1.4: Gain insights into different approaches in studying cities
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    Difficulty Level: Easy
    Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

20. Aristotle suggested that people come together in cities for security and remain there to live "the good life."

    Correct Answer: T
    1.4: Gain insights into different approaches in studying cities
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    Difficulty Level: Easy
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21. Invasion–succession is a well-documented ecological process by which whole sections of a city change.

    Correct Answer: T
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    Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

22. The city is "powered" by its people, who represent a particular way of life, or culture.

    Correct Answer: T
    1.4: Gain insights into different approaches in studying cities
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23. Comparisons of medieval and contemporary cities reveal the growing importance of the economic function of cities over the centuries.

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24. All advocates of critical urban theory are neo-Marxists.

    Correct Answer: F
    1.4: Gain insights into different approaches in studying cities
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    Difficulty Level: Easy
    Skill Level: Remember the Facts

25. Demographers suggest that although many older Americans prefer to remain in the community where they spent most of their adult lives, retirement magnet areas attract many affluent seniors.

    Correct Answer: T
    1.5: Understand changing demographics of U.S. cities
    Topic/Concept: The Anatomy of Modern North American Cities
    Difficulty Level: Easy
    Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

26. The two largest U.S. cities are Miami and Los Angeles.

    Correct Answer: F
    1.4: Gain insights into different approaches in studying cities
    Topic/Concept: The Complexity of the City: Various Perspectives
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    Skill Level: Remember the Facts

27. Urbanization can be deliberate and planned or spontaneous and unplanned.

    Correct Answer: T
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    Difficulty Level: Easy
    Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

28. Social power, the ability to achieve one's goals and to shape events, is an important dimension of inequality.

    Correct Answer: T
    1.3b: Evaluate the characteristics of the urban way of life
    Topic/Concept: The Urban Transformation
    Difficulty Level: Moderate
    Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

29. Cities intensify the effects of class, race, ethnicity, gender, and power, because they concentrate

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everything human in a smaller area.

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Correct Answer: T
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Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

30. Urban cluster is the U.S. Census Bureau term for adjacent urban areas with populations ranging from 2,500 to 49,999 that extend across city, county, or state boundaries.

Correct Answer: T
1.2 : Examine the four criteria for defining an urban area
Topic/Concept: Deciding What Is "Urban"
Difficulty Level: Easy
Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

31. A large population center and adjacent communities, with a high degree of economic and social integration, constitutes a global city.

Correct Answer: F
1.3 a: Investigate the factors that lead to urban growth and development
Topic/Concept: The Urban Transformation
Difficulty Level: Easy
Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

32. Although people come to the city hoping to find "the good life," many do not find it.

Correct Answer: T
1.7: Examine the promise and peril of living in cities
Topic/Concept: The Quality of City Life
Difficulty Level: Easy
Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

33. Strong, community-oriented neighborhoods have weakened in recent decades, and some areas have disappeared altogether.

Correct Answer: T
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34. In many cities of the developing world, material living standards are surprisingly high and destitution is considered the exception not the rule.

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Correct Answer: F
1.7: Examine the promise and peril of living in cities
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Essay/Discussion

35. Explain why understanding the city is crucial in comprehending modern existence.

    1.1: Recognize how most people are captivated by cities
    Topic/Concept: Why Study the City?
    Difficulty Level: Moderate
    Skill Level: Analyze It

36. Explain why the differences in the criteria used to designate urban areas make cross-national comparisons difficult.

    1.2: Examine the four criteria for defining an urban area
    Topic/Concept: Deciding What Is "Urban"
    Difficulty Level: Moderate
    Skill Level: Analyze It

37. What are the varying criteria for defining an urban area, and which two are the most common defining elements for urban designation?

    1.2: Examine the four criteria for defining an urban area
    Topic/Concept: Deciding What Is "Urban"
    Difficulty Level: Easy
    Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

38. How do cultural beliefs play a major role in shaping city life? Use the example of the mobile phone to illustrate your answer.

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    Difficulty Level: Moderate
    Skill Level: Apply What You Know

39. What role does archeology play in contemporary cities?

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    Skill Level: Apply What You Know

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40. Why do the authors of the text suggest we must not simply analyze statistics, but must also "go and make our visit" to the city if we are to fully comprehend urban life? Do you agree or disagree with their argument?

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    Topic/Concept: Why Study the City?
    Difficulty Level: Moderate
    Skill Level: Apply What You Know

41. Explain the two main reasons given by demographers for the recent slowing of central city growth and the rapid growth of the areas surrounding the suburbs.

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    Topic/Concept: The Anatomy of Modern North American Cities
    Difficulty Level: Easy
    Skill Level: Understand the Concepts

42. What is urbanism? Besides values, attitudes, norms, and customs, what else does it include?

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