

Balai Citoyen

BAC blanc 2022

Epreuve d'Anglais série D.

Durée 4h. Coefficient:2



Text: Urbanization and Its Hazards

The last few decades have witnessed population explosion in cities across the world. While some cities have managed to put infrastructure in place **to cope with** the surge in city population, most have been unable to cope with.

Urbanization is the phenomenon involving large-scale migration of rural people to cities in search of better opportunities. The drawbacks associated with rural life including failure of crops, which have led too many farmers committing suicide, as they are unable to provide enough means for their family. Other reasons are the quality of life possible through education in good institutions available in the cities is not possible in rural areas. In addition, the high birth rate is another key reason. Children are seen in developing countries as economic assets because of the increased income they can generate.

The increase in population leads to massive housing problems, as most people who migrate to cities are unable to find an affordable place to stay. Ultimately, this results in creation of slums and occupying of streets. These **slums** are a breeding ground for various crimes.

One of the biggest effects of urban agglomeration is that it increases the demand as well as consumption of water. But, probably the biggest effects of urbanization are the **health hazards**. The contamination of water, air and land spread disease. Large scale traffic is responsible for air pollution ultimately affecting the quality of air the people breathe. The amount of waste generated in the cities is also a matter of grave concern which governments across the world have been trying to address. However, the government's efforts have not been able to match the steady migration and increasing **filth** added to the cities. The toxic wastes ultimately cause diseases such as malaria and dengue.

From *careerride.com*.

Adapted

Vocabulary: **to cope with** : to address; **slums:** a squalid and overcrowded district inhabited by very poor people; **hazards:** **filth:** dirt

GUIDED COMMENTARY

1. In your own words, define urbanization .(3 pts)
2. What are the main causes of urbanization according to the text? (3 pts)
3. How does urbanization creates slums? (3 pts)
4. Referring to the text, list four (4) issues that arise as a result of urbanization. (5 pts)
5. In your opinion, what are the best ways to deal with urban growth in Burkina Faso? (6 pts)