

Sample question

- (a) Study Fig. 1, a cartoon about urban sprawl.

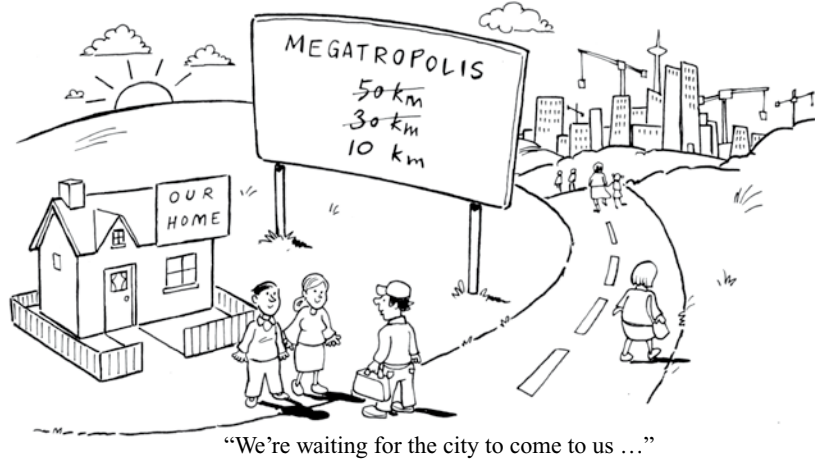


Fig. 1

- (i) What is meant by ‘urban sprawl’? (1)
- (ii) State two ways in which the cartoon is showing that urban sprawl is occurring. (2)
- (iii) State three land uses in areas where urban sprawl had occurred. (3)
- (iv) Suggest reasons why sprawl is more likely to occur around some urban areas than others. (4)
- (b) Study Fig. 2.

Urban sprawl is gobbling up green space in southern Ontario at an unprecedented rate. At the current rate, an additional 1070 square kilometres of rural land will be urbanized by 2031, almost double the size of the City of Toronto. Sprawling patterns of growth destroy green space and farmland, pollute rivers, and force us to be too dependent on vehicles, which in turn creates air pollution and global climate change.

Fig. 2

- (i) Describe three different effects of urban sprawl on local natural environments. (3)
- (ii) Using your own words, explain why urban sprawl may contribute to global environmental problems. (5)
- (c) Name an example of a town or city you have studied where urban sprawl has taken place. (7)
- Describe its impacts on local people.

(Total 25)