**Contemporary Urban Environment Review Notes – Booklets 6 & 7**

**Booklet 6 – Urban Forms**

Define key terms:

* Urban form
* Urban morphology

What physical and human factors were relevant in the siting of towns and cities? Are these still relevant today? Have human factors becoming more relevant?

What is the main factor affecting land-use? What is the PVLI?

What are the main land-use zones in cities? Where are they located, what is in each zone and why?

What is the bid-rent theory?

What factors will cause urban form to change over time?

**Case studies – Mumbai, Los Angeles and London.**

* For **each case study**: Describe the urban form including size, shape, density and configuration.
* What do you think are the most dominant factors in the urban form **for each city**: social, environmental, economic, technological, policies?

**Booklet 7 – New Urban Land Uses and the Concept of the Post-Modern Western City**

What is a postmodern city?

What are the characteristics of modern and post-modern cities?

Why do you think that African cities are not described as postmodern?

What evidence supports Las Vegas being a postmodern city?

To what extent does the city of Los Angeles show characteristics of postmodernism?

Does Los Angeles have any similarities with postmodern Las Vegas?

Define key terms: **town centre mixed developments, gentrified inner areas, edge cities, cultural and heritage quarters, fortress landscapes.**

For **each** land use above: identify the characteristics, features, where they are located and name examples.

Which New Urban Uses could form the notion of ‘insiders’ and ‘outsiders’? Justify your answer.

**Gentrified area case study: Portland Road, Notting Hill, London.**

* How have the socio-economic groups of the residents changed over time?
* How are residents ‘segregated’?
* List the types of services are on Portland Road? How have they changed? Who are these targeted at?
* How have property prices changed over time?
* What are the costs and benefits of gentrification from the points of view of different stakeholders?