

For a major city in an LIC or NEE you have studied, discuss whether the advantages of living in a squatter settlement outweigh the disadvantages. (6 marks)

Introducing the question

Students can be introduced to this question using the Kerboodle assessment:

13 On your marks

This will help students to unpick the question and to decide what they should and shouldn't include in their answer.

Using the student resources

The student resources for this question are provided on the following pages. These resources provide flexible support for your students in answering the question. They can be printed and copied as required.

Student resources	Page
<p>Plan your answer</p> <p>This is a planning document to help students decide what to include and how to structure their answer.</p>	3–5
<p>Write your answer</p> <p>This provides an answer sheet for students to complete their answer on paper in class or at home.</p>	6
<p>Mark your answer</p> <p>This student-friendly checklist and mark scheme can be used for self- or peer-marking. It can also be used by students in assessing the sample answers.</p>	7–9
<p>Sample answers</p> <p>Five sample answers, at a range of levels, are given. These could be used in a number of ways to demonstrate to students how to maximise their marks for this question.</p>	10–14
<p>Marked sample answers</p> <p>These marked and annotated versions of the five sample answers can be used by students to compare with their own marked sample answers.</p>	15–19

Please note: Students do not automatically have access to the *On your marks* presentation or resources from Kerboodle. If you would like your students to access these resources, or to complete the *On you marks* question on-screen, you will need to assign these to your students in Kerboodle.

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Using the Kerboodle Markbook

If you would like to use the Kerboodle Markbook to monitor progress and record student marks for this question, you must assign **13 On your marks** to the students. Students can type their answer onto the final screen of the presentation and then submit this to the Kerboodle Markbook. Students' marks can then be entered into the Kerboodle Markbook and they will be informed automatically of their mark when they next log in to Kerboodle.

Timing	Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG)
Under exam-style conditions, it should take students around six minutes to complete their answer to this question.	No additional marks are awarded for SPaG for this question.

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Before attempting to answer the question, remember to BUG it.

- ✓ **B**ox the command word.
- ✓ **U**nderline the following:
 - the **theme**
 - the **focus**
 - any **evidence** required
 - the **number of examples** needed.
- ✓ **G**lance back over the question – to make sure you include everything in your answer.



Case study or example: You must give details from one appropriate city.

Command word: Consider important points for and against the argument and come to a conclusion.

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Focus and number of examples: You must consider more than one advantage of living in squatter settlements.

Theme: This question is related to the theme of Urban issues and challenges, assessed in Paper 2, Section A of your exam. The question is compulsory. You must consider living in a squatter settlement, not how those settlements affect people who do not live there nor any different aspect of life in your chosen city.

Focus and number of examples: You must consider more than one disadvantage of living in squatter settlements.

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PEEL your answer

Use **PEEL** notes to structure your answer. This will help you to communicate your ideas to the examiner in the clearest way.

- **Point** – Make two or three points in detail, rather than lots of points in less detail. Don't use bullet points.
- **Explain** – Give reasons by using sentence starters such as: '*This is because ...*', '*One reason is ...*'.
- **Evidence** – Include facts and other details from named examples to back up your point. Each point – with explanation and evidence – should represent a separate PEE paragraph.
- **Link** – To link different points to each other, use PEE sentence starters such as: 'Another important point is ...' or 'Of more importance is ...'. Make sure your conclusion also links back to the question.



Quality not quantity: You will not be marked simply on the number of points you make, but on the quality of your answer. That means the quality of the content and how well you structure your answer.



SPaG: You are not awarded extra marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar for this question. However, you could miss out on marks if your spelling, punctuation or grammar is poor, so always check your answer carefully.

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Planning grid

Use this planning grid to help you write high-quality paragraphs. Remember to include links to show how your points relate to each other and to the question.

	PEE paragraph 1	PEE paragraph 2	PEE paragraph 3
Point			
Explain			
Evidence			

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This question is assessing the following assessment objectives (AO).

AO1	Testing your knowledge of life in squatter settlements	2 marks
AO2	Testing your understanding of the advantages and disadvantages for people of living in squatter settlements	2 marks
AO3	Testing that you can apply your knowledge and understanding to interpret the evidence you have presented, to weigh up the advantages and disadvantages, and to come to a conclusion	2 marks

1. To help you to identify if the answer includes detailed points, first highlight or underline the:



Points in **red**



Explanations in **orange**



Evidence in **green**

2. Use the mark scheme below to decide what mark to give. You will not be awarding marks for individual points, but will choose a level and a mark based upon the **quality** of the answer as a whole.

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Level	Marks	Descriptor	Examples
3 (Detailed)	5–6	<p>AO1: Shows detailed knowledge of life in a squatter settlement in an appropriate named city.</p> <p>AO2: Shows thorough understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of living in that squatter settlement.</p> <p>AO3: Shows thorough use of knowledge and understanding in well-developed points to present a clear, well-balanced argument, weighing up the advantages and disadvantages, and give a reasoned conclusion.</p>	<p>Complexo de Alemão is a group of favelas in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Life there has advantages. People live in strong communities closer to job opportunities in Rio. Recently, the local authority has provided paved roads, a water supply and drainage. Two crèches, a technical college, two primary schools and a health centre have also been built. So people have a better quality of life than they had in the countryside, threatened by famine and malnutrition.</p> <p>However, there are disadvantages too. Most people are poor and uneducated. Rents have risen. The new infrastructure is not being maintained and the residents lack the skills and resources to make repairs. More training is needed to improve literacy and employment.</p> <p>Despite the disadvantages of living in this squatter settlement, life there is slowly improving.</p>
2 (Clear)	3–4	<p>AO1: Shows accurate knowledge of life in a squatter settlement in an appropriate named city.</p> <p>AO2: Shows sound understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of living in that squatter settlement.</p> <p>AO3: Shows reasonable use of knowledge and understanding in making clear developed points. There will be some attempt to consider advantages and disadvantages, although the evidence may be unbalanced. A simplistic conclusion will be reached.</p>	<p>In Rio de Janeiro people living in the squatter settlements have a better chance of getting a job than in the areas they migrated from. Some of the favelas have piped water and electricity, but there are still open sewers and water comes from taps that serve many families. Some of the favelas have been improved but there are still many where the houses are not made of brick but from any waste materials that they can find. There are more disadvantages than advantages.</p>

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Level	Marks	Descriptor	Examples
1 (Basic)	1–2	<p>AO1: Shows limited and very general knowledge of life in squatter settlements.</p> <p>AO2: Shows little understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of living in squatter settlements.</p> <p>AO3: Shows limited use of knowledge and understanding, resulting in an unbalanced view. Simple basic statements are not developed and may be purely descriptive. There will be little or no attempt to come to a conclusion.</p>	<p>People move to the city because there is a better chance of a job. There are better medical and educational opportunities in the city. The houses in squatter settlements are often made of corrugated iron and other waste materials.</p>

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Sample answer 1

There are disadvantages of living in a favela in Rio de Janeiro. There are problems with crime including burglary, murder and drugs. Many of the houses are made of waste materials and so often cannot keep out the heavy rain. The women often have to walk long distances to collect water. They are not healthy places because there are open sewers and waste is often not collected which means there are many rats, which spread diseases. Many people do not have a job.

The advantages are that they are near the city of Rio and so there is more chance of getting a job. The people can set up stores on the side of the road or clean shoes. They will be living near to friends and family. They have moved to Rio from other parts of Brazil where the educational and medical facilities were poor.

I think that the people think the favela is better than the area they came from.

Strengths of the answer			
Ways to improve the answer			
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Sample answer 2

The squatter settlements are unhealthy and people do not have electricity. They may not have a job and the houses are made of any materials that they can find. They may get a job selling stuff to people in the town. Some of the children go to school and they may be able to get to a doctor or hospital. A squatter settlement is usually overcrowded. There are no proper drains or sewers. They are polluted and there is a lack of clean water.

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Ways to improve the answer			
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Sample answer 3

The inhabitants of the squatter settlements, or favelas, around Rio de Janeiro in Brazil used to live in other parts of Brazil. They were forced to move because of deforestation in the Amazon or their crops failing because of drought in north-east Brazil. They imagined that migration to the city would bring more advantages compared to rural life. In the countryside, their children were very unlikely to be educated and there was a great shortage of medical facilities compared to the city.

When they moved to Rio people set up home in favelas like Rochina or Complexo de Alemão. At first they built their homes out of waste materials. However, after a time they used brick to make them more weatherproof. They improved their homes themselves and there will also be site and service improvements made by the local authorities. As well as the house improvements the people were given access to credit so they could buy materials to improve their homes and a water supply and proper sewage was laid on. Many favelas have improved especially those near where the Olympics were held. But because so many people are migrating to the city, there are still many unimproved favelas.

People living in the improved favelas will certainly think life is better than in the countryside. Even in the unimproved favelas the closeness to friends and family and the greater chance of getting a job in the city will make many think there are advantages in living where they do.

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Sample answer 4

Rochina is the largest favela in Rio de Janeiro. It is built on a very steep hillside overlooking the wealthy areas of Copacabana and Ipanema, where many of its inhabitants work. Having regular work allows people to carry out their own improvements. The local authority is also improving the favela. 90% of the houses are now made of brick with electricity, running water and sewage systems. Most have TVs and fridges. The favela has food, clothes and video rental shops, bars, a travel agent and MacDonal'd's. It has its own newspapers, radio station, schools, health facilities and a private university. On the Complexo de Alemao favela, also in Rio, the local authority has installed a cable car that can carry 30000 to Ipanema where they can find work.

There are still disadvantages to living in a favela like Rochina. Although there is a strong sense of community, life is not always safe because of crime and drug gangs. There is still a lack of investment and problems with the infrastructure. For example, sewage flows in big open channels and the higher, poorer parts of Rochina are only accessible by foot.

Even though favelas in Rio need further improvement, people have a better chance of a job and a better standard of living than they had in the countryside.

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Sample answer 5

Site and service schemes by the local authorities have improved the conditions for people living in the squatter settlements around Rio de Janeiro. People who have been living in these squatter settlements also improve their own homes by using bricks rather than materials like corrugated iron or cardboard. They have chance of finding a job in the city and they are closer to a doctor and a hospital than in the countryside where they came from. They were very poor in the countryside because their crops often failed and the soil was poor. Some squatter settlements have not been improved and there are open sewers and people suffer from ill health. Drugs and other forms of crime are also problems so there are advantages as well as disadvantages.

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The advantages are that they are near the city of Rio and so there is more chance of getting a job. The people can set up stores on the side of the road or clean shoes. They will be living near to friends and family. They have moved to Rio from other parts of Brazil where the educational and medical facilities were poor.

I think that the people think the favela is better than the area they came from.

Point: Recognises one focus of the question.

Evidence: Gives a named city.

Evidence: Develops the point with example disadvantages but these could apply to any squatter settlement.

Explanation: Gives more detail.

Point: Recognises the other focus of the question.

Evidence: Limited but relevant examples.

Explanation: Puts the advantages into context, but this could be clearer and should be kept brief.

Point: Attempts a conclusion.

Feedback: This answer shows clear knowledge and understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of living in a favela in a named city. Although it presents both sides of the argument, it is rather unbalanced and the links could be clearer. It offers a simple conclusion that is not firmly linked to the evidence presented.

Level = 2 Marks = 3

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← Points: Basic statements that could apply to any squatter settlement and no conclusion.

Feedback: This basic answer is a series of simple generic statements, which advantages and disadvantages are hinted at rather than specifically identified. This does not present a balanced argument, a named location is not given and there is no attempt to offer a conclusion.

Level = 1 Marks = 2

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Evidence: Establishes a named example.

Explanation: Hints at why living in the city might be better.

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Evidence: Identifies specific locations.

Evidence: Advantages hinted at rather than specifically identified.

Point: Disadvantages are only hinted at.

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Point: Links back to the question and reaches a conclusion.

Feedback: This detailed answer uses examples from a case study in an attempt to identify the advantages and disadvantages. However the argument is not clear or well balanced, and the conclusion is not really based on the evidence.

Level = 2 Marks = 4

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Even though favelas in Rio need further improvement, people have a better chance of a job and a better standard of living than they had in the countryside.

Evidence: Identifies an appropriate case study.

Point: Identifies an advantage.

Explanation: Gives more detail about the advantage.

Points: Identifies more advantages with excellent detail. Could say clearly that they are advantages.

Points: Clearly identifies various disadvantages of living in the named location.

Point: Gives a balanced conclusion.

Feedback: This detailed answer makes good use of the case study to show a thorough understanding of the advantages and disadvantages. The information could have been tailored a little more closely to the needs of the question, but the conclusion clearly weighs up the advantages and disadvantages, and refers back to the question.

Level = 3 Marks = 6

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Sample answer 5

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Evidence: Identifies a named location and hints at advantages without being specific.

Evidence: Identifies some advantages and hints at others.

Point: Not really relevant to the question.

Evidence: Identifies some disadvantages although these are rather generic.

Point: Simplistic conclusion.

Feedback: This answer shows some knowledge of advantages and disadvantages but does not present them very clearly. Although it names a relevant location, many of the details are generic. It offers only a simplistic conclusion.

Level = 2 Marks = 3