

# Communication Skills Assignment

## Topic - Urbanization

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Urbanization is the process of shifting of people from rural to urban areas. It can also be related to progressive increase in the population of urban areas. According to a recent historical survey on Wikipedia, the population living in urban areas has increased from 30% to 75% in the last 50 years. Everyone expects to live happy, strong and chooses such a place that provides more resources including all time water and power supply, clean environment, more employment opportunities, and get away from myths and bad social ethics of undeveloped society. In this essay, we will study urbanization from its roots, its effects and the solutions of problems it poses to the environment.

Let's find out the causes of urbanization. The most important cause is social benefits and services that people enjoy while living in the urban areas. These facilities include better educational facilities, better sanitation, higher standards of living, better hospitals, recreation centers, fitness gyms, sports facilities and availability of police and government organizations at any time. This gives people a chance to make more networking, adapt to the modern world and be more liberal living in society.

The second important factor that leads to urbanization is more employment opportunities. Modernization has completely transformed the market and industry. This leads to more job opportunities. Instead of continuing the profession inherited from parents, urbanization provides greater chances of getting good employment in various fields like industries, education, transport, Information Technology Sector, Account Sector, government organizations, trading, teaching, in hospitals and in Private Sector. All in all, people enjoy healthier economic and personal growth due to urbanization.

Now, let's figure out both pros and cons of urbanization. The positive effects are reflected by the reasons why people opt for urbanization. But it imposes certain bad effects on the environment as well as the society. I will briefly touch upon many effects and discuss their solutions in upcoming paragraphs. The biggest threat is overcrowding and housing problems. Overcrowding is a situation where many people live in a smaller area and housing problems are unavailability of places for people to live. This leads to poverty, downgrading of standards of living in over populated towns (eg - Delhi), traffic congestion which results in waste of both human and environmental resources. Due to unavailability of houses, people from the rural areas start living in slums which make the condition even worse. Water and sanitation problems also occur which deteriorates the natural resources. There is also a chance of an outbreak of communicable diseases like diarrhea, typhoid, plague, allergies, asthma, infertility, etc. Water scarcity also arises from this.

The other problem is unemployment. Due to overcrowding, it becomes difficult to find jobs which often lead to depression and crime. Living in cities is not an easy deal. Instead of hard work, many people indulge in other leisure ways of living. Example - excessive use of drugs and alcohol. Mental stress of not doing anything and also the responsibility of family living in villages, leads to many social crimes like murders, rapes, kidnapping, robbery, and other illegal ways of making money. Many people convince men, women and children living in rural areas to move to cities in lieu of getting good money. This leads to human trafficking. According to a recent survey by Indian police, the crime rate has increased by twice in rate with respect to the last decade. When men go to urban areas to work, often women take care of household tasks and people take advantage of their being alone in the family. This also leads to many social crimes. From the rural areas point of view, urbanization leads to the loss of culture. People often forget their roots and try to be modernized to live in society. This fails to taste diversity while living in a nation. As the time progresses, it is much significant that an entire culture has gone extinct due to urbanization.

Since we have discussed the causes and effects of urbanization, it's high time to consider the solutions of problems that it imposes on society and environment. First, the government should understand the needs of people and try to promote overall development of both rural and urban areas. This will both create employment opportunities and will not force people to move to town for better standards of living. Population controls or family planning practices should be considered by people. All benefits of education, hospitality, transport, government services, technology must be provided to villages.

All in all, urbanization is good up to an extent where natural resources are not deteriorated by people. Otherwise all the benefits of living in cities should also be made available to people in rural areas. This will help in preserving culture and diversity and will lead to overall development of the whole country as a united nation.

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