

Chapter 12 Assignment:

Key Issue 1

Define the following terms: consumer service, business service, public service

Questions to answer:

1. What are the three types of business services? How many/What percentage of people in the United States work in each of these three areas?
2. What sectors of the US economy have seen the greatest amount of growth in the last 40 years? What accounts for that growth?
3. Which communities in the US were hit harder by the 2008 recession? Explain why.
4. How is the modern service sector different from the historical service sector?

Key Issue 2

Define the following terms: clustered rural settlement, dispersed rural settlement, circular rural settlement, linear rural settlement, urbanization,

Questions to answer:

1. What is Louis Wirth's definition of a city? According to Wirth, how are large settlements different from rural settlements?
2. What accounts for the rapid growth of cities in Less Developed Countries? What effects does this growth have on LDCs?

Key Issue 3

Define the following terms: Central Place, Market Area (hinterland), Range, Threshold, gravity model, rank-size rule, primate city,

Questions to answer:

1. According to Central Place Theory, where will people obtain their goods or services? How does range vary for different types of product (think: everyday items vs. sporadic goods or services)? How do retailers define range? What accounts for different ranges of a service?
2. How do you think service providers use demographics to help determine the threshold of their businesses?
3. How is consumer behavior affected by the gravity model?
4. How does settlement size affect the availability of services?
5. What is a periodic market? Which parts of the world have more periodic markets?

Key Issue 4

Define the following terms: Non-basic industries, Basic industries, economic base

Questions to answer:

1. Describe the four levels of business services. Where does Denver fit in this system?
2. What types of cities attract talent? Why?