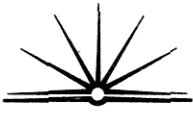


World cities are the command and control centre of the world. They exercise great economic and cultural importance. Within the globe, there are many subsystems of world cities and for each subsystem there is one ~~leader~~ world city leader. World cities have emerged due to increases in technology and communications, and these world cities ~~are~~ have been brought together due to globalisation. They are located mainly in the developed world.

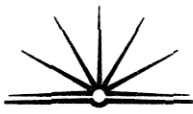
There are three tiers of world cities in the world. The first tier is of New York, London and Tokyo. New York and London have exercised ^{economic} dominance for the past 100 years. Tokyo has become an important city in the past fifty years, after globalisation began. Size is not a good indicator of world cities, as world cities do not necessarily have the largest populations. The second tier consists of cities such as Paris,



Chicago and Hong Kong. The third tier of world cities is of Sydney, Johannesburg and Sao Paulo. Thus world cities operate on three levels.

The role of world cities is of economic decisions. Large companies, ~~and~~ offices and Transnational Corporations have their bases in world cities. The ^{size of the} stock market indicates the economic ability of world cities. World cities no longer have much manufacturing after the 20th Century New Division of labour has resulted in manufacturing moving to developing cities. World cities run businesses such as advertising, law, consulting and finance.

World cities have the role of ~~political~~ making political decisions. Large political companies are located in world cities. For instance the United Nations is located

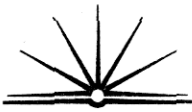


in New York, where decisions regarding world peace are made.

World cities are the leaders of technology and communication. The new technology is always introduced first into world cities. World cities ~~are~~ have communication links with one another due to technology, such as transport, ~~and~~ phone lines and the internet. The role of the world cities is to invent new technology.

The role of world cities is to ~~have~~ provide services meeting the world's needs. These services include hospitals, and doctors as well as education services like universities and schools. Large universities are mainly located in world cities and people from all over the world travel to use these facilities.

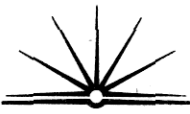
Cultural authority is another role of world



cities. ~~For~~ Sporting events are located in World cities, such as Wimbledon in London, and the US Open in New York. World cities also have many theatres and festivals held there, such as in Australia the Mardi Gras which attracts many tourists. Thus world cities can also be seen as tourist "meccas".

~~At~~ World cities operate within global networks, or subsystems. The North American axis is of Chicago, Toronto, and ~~the~~ San Francisco with New York as its leader. These cities are linked together and workers travel on business between these cities.

~~At~~ World cities operate on an European alliance. These are cities such as Paris, London and Frankfurt. As with the European Union one passport has

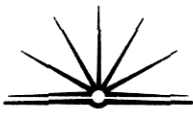


emerged, workers can travel easily and live in other European cities without having to attain a visa.

Another network of ~~great~~ world cities occurs in Asia. This is of the Tokyo-Singapore-Hong Kong axis. Again, these cities are located close to one ~~and~~ another and have financial and business ties.

^{World} Cities operate within the Southern Hemisphere subsystem. World cities here, Sydney, Johannesburg and Sao Paulo only occur of the third tier. Africa is a fairly underdeveloped continent, thus it only has one world city of Johannesburg.

World cities are linked so closely not only because of the ^{global} networks, but because of lifestyles. Jobs are similar in all world cities ~~as~~ is the lifestyle.



because of cultural factors. ~~the world cities~~

As world cities operate ~~with~~ on networks it is possible for communication and work links to be made between countries.

For instance, if dialing ~~an~~ an emergency number in London, the call may get transferred to Hong Kong or Indonesia. Hence ~~the world cities~~ world cities operate on all levels.

Thus, world cities have the role of economic and cultural decisions. These cities are extremely important to business and politics. World cities are linked together on ~~to~~ sub-systems through communication and transport. ~~World~~ They are also ~~cities~~ the homes to large transnational corporations and ~~people~~ because of this people in world cities are linked to other people across the world working in the same companies. The subsystems of the North American Alliance, Asian subsystem,



European axis and the Southern Hemisphere
alliance are essential to the working and
role of world cities.