

Places in hill and valley

Nowhere has the perfect site. All places have good and bad points. Here we list the good and bad things about the sites of five places.

Q1. Write down why you might want to have a town at the sites shown in the diagram below:

A. 

B. 

C. 

D. 

E. 

Q2. Write down why you might not want to have a town at the sites shown:

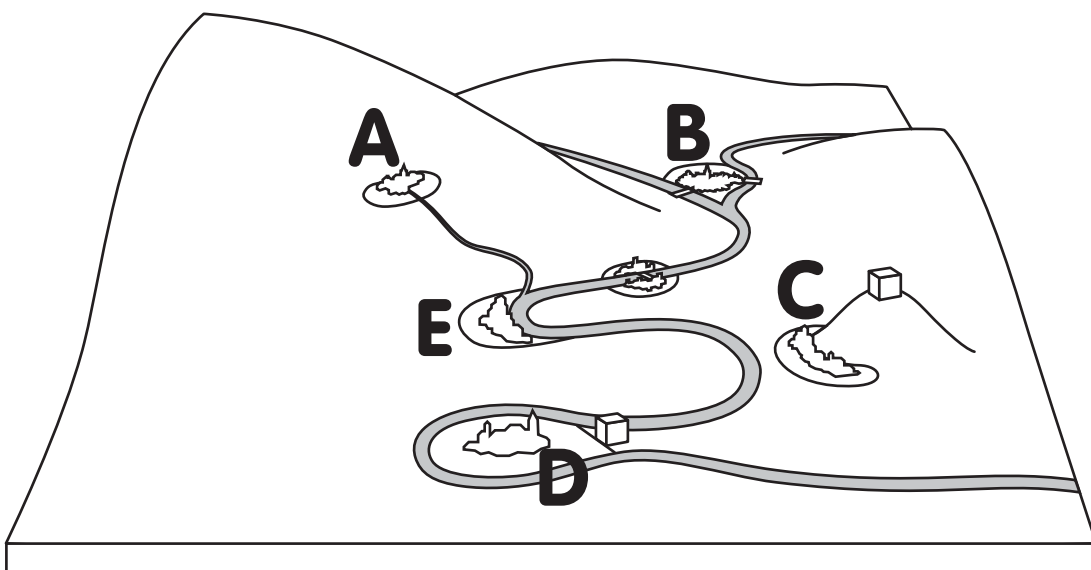
A. 

B. 

C. 

D. 

E. 



Background

Students are encouraged to think of both plus and minus points for any location. No single disadvantage needs stop the growth of a place, of course. Here are some example of settlements with sites like these:

- A.** Halifax and other Pennine textile towns; Frome, Somerset.
- B.** Tewkesbury at the confluence of the Severn and Avon.
- C.** Edinburgh, Stirling on defensive hill sites
- D.** Durham, Shrewsbury on the defensive inside of a meander.
- E.** Worcester on the outside bend of a meander.

Of course, there are many others. Choose some other examples close to where you live.

Answers

Q1.

A is on a spring line for reliable water supply.

B is at a good focus of routes for trade.

C is a good defensive site.

D is a good defensive site.

E has deep water and so would make a good port.

Q2.

A is on a steep slope.

B is liable to flooding.

C is hemmed in by being on a hilltop.

D might be difficult to expand from because it is trapped inside a meander.

E might have problems from river erosion as the meander develops.

