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Your name : SHANGHAI
YOUR CITY :

Population (approx.): ~25–26 million (city proper / municipality).

- Major activities: Global finance, shipping and port activities, manufacturing, tech, trade fairs, services.

- Wealth & poverty: High average incomes in Pudong/central districts; pockets of lower-income older neighborhoods and migrant-worker communities on the urban fringe.

- How it developed: From a small fishing town to treaty-port in 19th century, rapid 20th-century industrialization, explosive post-1990s growth centered on Pudong's development as a finance district.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Very dense in central areas; air pollution has improved over years but still an issue; significant green belt/pocket parks and aggressive urban greening projects.

- Capital?: No (municipality; not national capital)

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : GUANGZHOU (Canton)

Population (approx.): ~15–18 million (urban area).

- Major activities: Manufacturing, trade (huge export markets), wholesale markets, logistics, finance, electronics.

- Wealth & poverty: Rich manufacturing/commerce base; disparities between wealthy traders/entrepreneurs and migrant factory workers with lower incomes.

- How it developed: Long history as an imperial port; major trading hub since Qing dynasty; modern industrialization accelerated in Reform Era and Pearl River Delta integration.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Dense urban core; industrial pollution historically high but improving; riverside parks and investment in public transit.

- Capital?: No (provincial capital of Guangdong, not national).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : TOKYO

Population (approx.): Tokyo Metropolis ~14 million (city proper); Greater Tokyo metro ~37–38 million.

- Major activities: Finance, corporate HQs, tech, manufacturing, culture/media, services.

- Wealth & poverty: High average incomes; visible pockets of poverty and precarious work (non-regular employment), but strong social infrastructure.

- How it developed: Edo→Tokugawa center, became imperial capital (Meiji era) then 20th-century industrial and corporate growth; rebuilt post-WWII into global megacity.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Extremely dense, but excellent public transport and well-maintained parks; air quality generally good for a megacity.

- Capital?: Yes (capital of Japan).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : JAKARTA

Population (approx.): ~10–11 million (city proper); metro ~30 million.

- Major activities: Government, finance, trade, manufacturing, services.

- Wealth & poverty: Stark inequality — affluent business districts vs large low-income kampung neighborhoods and informal settlements prone to flooding.

- How it developed: Colonial port (Batavia) → national capital. Rapid post-independence urbanization and migration from islands drove chaotic expansion.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Very dense in core; heavy traffic and air pollution; flood-prone; green spaces limited though some parks and reforestation projects exist.

- Capital?: Yes (capital of Indonesia) — note: Indonesia announced moving administrative capital to Nusantara, but Jakarta remains political/economic center.

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : NEW YORK CITY

Population (approx.): ~8.5–9 million (city); metro ~20–21 million.

- Major activities: Finance (Wall Street), media, tech, tourism, higher education, culture, shipping.

- Wealth & poverty: Extreme wealth in finance/tech/real estate; persistent poverty in some borough neighborhoods; high inequality.

- How it developed: Colonial port → industrial powerhouse → 20th-century global finance and culture hub; continual immigration-driven growth.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Dense but organized by neighborhoods; good air quality improvements over decades; extensive parks (Central Park) and strong environmental regulations.

- Capital?: No (not U.S. capital).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : MANILA

Population (approx.): Manila city ~1.8M but the metro (Metro Manila) ~13–14M.

- Major activities: Government, services, BPO/outsourcing, trade, informal economy.

- Wealth & poverty: Significant inequality; wealthy business districts (Makati, Bonifacio) vs dense informal settlements with limited services.

- How it developed: Colonial trading port (Spanish) → postwar growth; rapid rural-to-urban migration produced sprawling metro area with uneven infrastructure.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Extremely dense in old Manila; air and water pollution issues historically; some green projects but limited compared to needs.

- Capital?: Yes (capital of the Philippines).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : DELHI

Population (approx.): National Capital Territory ~20–30 million depending on metro definitions.

- Major activities: Government, administration, services, manufacturing, IT, trade.

- Wealth & poverty: Sharp contrasts — affluent suburbs and gated communities vs large informal settlements and street economies.

- How it developed: Ancient city with successive capitals; British colonial capital in 1911; post-independence expansion and migration created sprawling metropolis.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Highly dense; major air pollution problems (seasonal peaks); some green belts and parks but overall pollution remains a public health issue.

- Capital?: Yes (national capital territory of India).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : HO CHI MINH

Population (approx.): ~8–9 million (city); metro larger.

- Major activities: Commerce, manufacturing, services, finance, export processing.

- Wealth & poverty: Fast-rising middle class and entrepreneurs; persistent low-income neighborhoods and informal sector workers.

- How it developed: Former Saigon — colonial port and administrative center → gateway for Vietnam's market reforms since the 1980s and rapid urbanization.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Dense urban core; traffic congestion and air/water pollution issues; recent green initiatives but infrastructure lags growth.

- Capital?: No (capital is Hanoi).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : SEOUL

Population (approx.): ~9.5–10 million (city); metro ~25 million.

- Major activities: Electronics, automobiles, finance, culture (K-pop, film), tech.

- Wealth & poverty: High national income with high living standards; youth precarity and inequality in some sectors; strong social services.

- How it developed: Historic capital, rapid industrialization (post-Korean War), tech-driven economic miracle (Chaebol-led growth).

- Density / pollution / greenness: Very dense but well-planned transport; air pollution sometimes an issue (transboundary dust); many urban parks and river restoration projects.

- Capital?: Yes (capital of South Korea).

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YOUR CITY : SAO PAULO	

Population (approx.): ~12–13 million (city); metro ~21–22 million.

- Major activities: Finance, industry, services, trade, cultural industries.

- Wealth & poverty: Major wealth concentration (finance, real estate) and large favelas; huge inequality.

- How it developed: Founded as a colonial town; 20th-century coffee boom then industrialization attracted rural migrants; became Brazil's economic engine.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Dense central areas; traffic congestion and air pollution historically; many parks but environmental challenges persist.

- Capital?: No (Brazilian capital is Brasília).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : MEXICO CITY

Population (approx.): ~9–9.5 million (city proper); metro ~21–22 million.

- Major activities: Government, finance, manufacturing, services, culture.

- Wealth & poverty: Strong wealthy districts and middle class, alongside informal settlements with limited services; significant inequality.

- How it developed: Built on Aztec Tenochtitlan; colonial center; 20th-century urbanization; chronic sprawl and seismic risk influenced planning.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Dense and sprawling; long history of air pollution (improved since the 1990s) and water management challenges; significant green areas in city.

- Capital?: Yes (capital of Mexico).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : OSAKA

Population (approx.): Osaka city ~2.7–3 million; metro (Keihanshin) much larger (~19 million with Kobe, Kyoto).

- Major activities: Commerce, manufacturing, logistics, food industry, finance.

- Wealth & poverty: Wealthy commercial districts; some relative poverty in older industrial neighborhoods.

- How it developed: Historic commercial hub; industrialization and port development; modern integration with nearby cities into large metro area.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Dense urban districts; good air quality relative to past, urban parks and riverfronts.

- Capital?: No (Tokyo is national capital).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : BANGKOK

Population (approx.): Bangkok city ~8–10 million; metro larger.

- Major activities: Tourism, commerce, manufacturing, services, transport hub.

- Wealth & poverty: Wealth concentrated in central business districts and tourism sectors; many low-income neighborhoods and informal workers.

- How it developed: River port and royal capital; 20th-century industrialization and mass tourism led to rapid urban sprawl.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Dense core; traffic congestion and air pollution issues; flood risk; some parks and riverfront projects.

- Capital?: Yes (capital of Thailand).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : KOLKATA

Population (approx.): Kolkata city ~4–5 million; metro larger (~14–15M).

- Major activities: Trade, port, manufacturing, education, cultural industries.

- Wealth & poverty: Longstanding poverty and dense low-income neighborhoods; also significant middle-class and intellectual/cultural activity.

- How it developed: Colonial-era capital (British India) and commercial hub; industrial decline post-independence with later diversification.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Very dense older neighborhoods; air and water pollution challenges; some large parks (Maidan).

- Capital?: No (New Delhi is national capital; Kolkata is capital of West Bengal state).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : MUMBAI

Population (approx.): ~12–13 million (city); metro ~20+ million.

- Major activities: Finance (Bombay Stock Exchange), Bollywood, shipping, services, manufacturing.

- Wealth & poverty: Extreme inequality — high-net-worth finance/media elites vs large informal settlements (notable slums).

- How it developed: From islands and colonial port to commercial and film capital; massive rural migration drove explosive growth.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Extremely dense in many districts; air and water pollution and congestion; some green initiatives and reclaimed public spaces.

- Capital?: No (New Delhi is national capital).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : DHAKA

Population (approx.): ~8–10 million (city); metro larger (~20–30M depending on definition).

- Major activities: Garment manufacturing, trade, services, government.

- Wealth & poverty: Fast growth and exports but widespread poverty, crowded low-income settlements and vulnerable infrastructure.

- How it developed: Historic Mughal and trade city; massive post-independence urban migration and export-led growth (textiles) created rapid, often informal expansion.

- Density / pollution / greenness: One of the world's most densely populated major cities; serious air and water pollution and flooding; limited green space per capita.

- Capital?: Yes (capital of Bangladesh).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : BEIJING

Population (approx.): ~20+ million (municipality; metro counts vary).

- Major activities: Government, tech, higher education, culture, manufacturing.

- Wealth & poverty: High average incomes in central districts; migrant workers and rural-urban divides exist.

- How it developed: Ancient imperial capital; modernized under Republican and Communist eras; major political and cultural center with planned expansions.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Dense core; serious air pollution historically though improved by policy; extensive parks and planned green belts.

- Capital?: Yes (capital of China).

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Your name :	
YOUR CITY : CAIRO	

Population (approx.): Cairo metro ~20 million+; city proper ~9–10 million.

- Major activities: Government, commerce, manufacturing, tourism (nearby pyramids), culture.

- Wealth & poverty: Large informal economy and significant poverty alongside wealthy neighborhoods; big inequalities.

- How it developed: Historic capital since medieval times; modern expansion during 19th–20th centuries with rapid rural migration.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Very dense urban fabric; air pollution and traffic severe; Nile provides green corridor but urban planning struggles.

- Capital?: Yes (capital of Egypt).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : LOS ANGELES

Population (approx.): ~4–4.5 million (city); metro ~13–13.5 million.

- Major activities: Entertainment (Hollywood), tech, trade (ports of LA/Long Beach), aerospace, manufacturing.

- Wealth & poverty: High wealth in entertainment/tech; stark inequality with significant homeless population and lower-income neighborhoods.

- How it developed: Port and agriculture origins → 20th-century growth via film, car culture, aerospace, and extensive suburbanization.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Less dense sprawled metro; historically smog issues improved; air quality variable; many parks but car-centric footprint.

- Capital?: No (state capital is Sacramento).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : MOSCOW

Population (approx.): ~12–13 million (city); metro larger.

- Major activities: Government, finance, energy, heavy industry, services.

- Wealth & poverty: Concentration of wealth among elites and oligarchs; wide disparities and lower incomes in some districts.

- How it developed: Historic political/administrative center; Soviet-era industrialization and post-Soviet market consolidation concentrated capital functions.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Dense central areas with broad boulevards; air quality and traffic issues but significant green spaces (parks).

- Capital?: Yes (capital of Russia).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : BUENOS AIRES

Population (approx.): City ~3 million; metro (Greater Buenos Aires) ~15 million.

- Major activities: Finance, services, culture, industry, port activities.

- Wealth & poverty: Strong middle class historically but recent economic crises increased poverty and inequality.

- How it developed: Colonial port → 19th/20th-century immigration-fueled growth; major cultural and economic center in Argentina.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Dense central neighborhoods; air quality moderate; many parks and tree-lined avenues.

- Capital?: Yes (capital of Argentina).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : ISTANBUL

Population (approx.): ~15 million+ (metro straddling Europe and Asia).

- Major activities: Trade, finance, tourism, manufacturing, logistics (strategic Bosporus position).

- Wealth & poverty: Wealthy districts and affluent elites; also extensive low-income neighborhoods and informal sectors.

- How it developed: Byzantine/ Ottoman imperial capital; long history as trading crossroads; 20th/21st-century urban growth transformed into mega-city.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Dense historic core and congested traffic; air and noise pollution in parts; many parks and shoreline areas.

- Capital?: No (Ankara is national capital).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : KARACHI

Population (approx.): ~15+ million (metro varies widely by estimate).

- Major activities: Port and shipping, finance, industry, trade, manufacturing.

- Wealth & poverty: Major economic engine with extreme inequality; significant slums and informal settlements alongside wealthy enclaves.

- How it developed: Colonial port that grew rapidly during and after partition; ongoing migration and industrialization drove expansion.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Very dense in many districts; air and water pollution, sanitation and infrastructure challenges; limited green space per capita.

- Capital?: No (Islamabad is national capital).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : NAGOYA

Population (approx.): Nagoya city ~2.3–2.5 million; Chūkyō metro larger (~9 million).

- Major activities: Automotive industry (Toyota region), manufacturing, ports, engineering.

- Wealth & poverty: Strong industrial middle-class wealth; relatively lower poverty rates compared with global south megacities.

- How it developed: Historically a castle town; industrialized in Meiji and postwar eras into manufacturing hub.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Dense industrial and urban districts but good environmental standards and green spaces.

- Capital?: No (Tokyo is national capital; Nagoya is prefectural capital of Aichi).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : THERAN

Population (approx.): ~8–9 million (city); metro higher.

- Major activities: Government, commerce, industry, services, culture.

- Wealth & poverty: Concentrated wealth and state-linked elites; substantial low-income neighborhoods and informal housing.

- How it developed: Became capital in 18th century and expanded dramatically in 20th century with oil-driven modernization and rural migration.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Dense in central districts; severe air pollution and smog partly due to geography (mountain basin); limited green spaces unevenly distributed.

- Capital?: Yes (capital of Iran).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : RIO DE JANEIRO

Population (approx.): City ~6–7 million; metro larger.

- Major activities: Tourism, oil and gas, services, culture, ports.

- Wealth & poverty: Iconic inequality — wealthy neighborhoods (Ipanema, Leblon) vs extensive favelas.

- How it developed: Colonial port and former capital; grew with coffee, monarchy, later industry and tourism.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Dense in some zones; pollution issues in Guanabara Bay (improving efforts); enormous parks (Tijuca) and natural green areas.

- Capital?: No (Brasília is national capital).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : LAGOS

Population (approx.): Lagos metro often cited 15–21 million depending on definitions.

- Major activities: Trade, finance, oil-related services, manufacturing, entertainment.

- Wealth & poverty: Major economic powerhouse with huge inequality; large informal settlements and precarious infrastructure for many residents.

- How it developed: Coastal port town that exploded with postcolonial migration and economic concentration in the southwest of Nigeria.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Extremely dense in many districts; serious traffic and air/water pollution; coastal flooding risk; some green projects but constrained by rapid growth.

- Capital?: No (Abuja is national capital).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : PARIS

Population (approx.): City proper ~2.1 million; metro ~12 million.

- Major activities: Finance, culture, tourism, government, tech, luxury goods.

- Wealth & poverty: High average incomes with pockets of deprivation in suburbs (banlieues); clear social divide between affluent center and some suburbs.

- How it developed: Medieval and imperial center; industrialized in 19th century; global cultural and economic hub with planned Haussmannian layout shaping density.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Dense central arrondissements; air pollution remains an issue sometimes; many parks and deliberate urban greening policies.

- Capital?: Yes (capital of France).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : LONDON

Population (approx.): Greater London ~9–9.5 million.

- Major activities: Finance, culture, tech, education, tourism, government.

- Wealth & poverty: Very high incomes in finance/tech; stark inequality across boroughs with notable poverty in outer areas.

- How it developed: Roman/medieval port and imperial capital; industrial revolution then service/finance-led transition into global city.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Dense but with large green belts and many parks; air quality has improved though pollution hotspots exist.

- Capital?: Yes (capital of the UK).

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Your name :
YOUR CITY : CHENGDU

Population (approx.): Chengdu city ~16 million (varies by metro definition).

- Major activities: Technology, electronics, food industry (famous cuisine), finance, logistics, cultural tourism.

- Wealth & poverty: Rapid economic growth with rising middle class; rural-urban gap and migrant worker issues persist.

- How it developed: Ancient regional center; recent decades saw major investment and status as inland economic hub, plus tech and service growth.

- Density / pollution / greenness: Dense city center; air quality moderate to poor at times but Chengdu promotes green spaces and urban parks; known for efforts to preserve cultural and ecological aspects (pandas nearby).

- Capital?: No (capital of Sichuan province, not national).

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