Engineering examinations

- 1. Discuss the oldest use of the term "urban planning" and say who and in what situation used this word for the first time.
- 2. Give the definition of the term "city" which represents to the fullest the features of this type of settlement.
- 3. List the elements of imageability of the city according to Kevin Lynch and discuss one of them.
- 4. List the main substructures which are distinguished when describing the spatial structure of a city.
- 5. List the main categories of open spaces in the social structure of a city.
- 6. Discuss the event which was the beginning of the modernist movement in urban planning and became a breakthrough in the history of contemporary urban planning.
- 7. Explain what intensity residential development is.
- 8. Say in which European city a "five-finger" plan model of an agglomeration was developed and discuss what it consists of.
- 9. Define the term "Agenda 21" and say on whose initiative, when and where it was created and what it refers to.
- 10. Give two chosen international documents that promote sustainable development of cities.
- 11. Give the definition of biologically active area as laid down in legal regulations.
- 12. Define the term "green infrastructure".
- 13. List the elements of green infrastructure used for water retention.
- 14. Say who and in what way enforces the housing policy of the state.
- 15. Explain the term "city infrastructure" and say what types of it can be distinguished.
- 16. Give the criteria of division of services.
- 17. Explain what the Bilbao effect is in city development.
- 18. List solutions that are employed because of increasing traffic intensity in cities.
- 19. Say how transport can be enhanced in order to improve city centres.
- 20. Explain the concept "urban renewal" as laid down in the Polish urban renewal act.
- 21. Define the term "midtown" (śródmieście) and how it differs from "city centre".
- 22. Explain the term "brownfields".
- 23. On a chosen example, discuss the actions used in transformations of old harbour areas in cities.
- 24. Discuss the most important features of culturally valuable public space.
- 25. Define the term "agglomeration" and say what kind of spatial plan it may have.
- 26. Say who and when created the elaboration "Functional Warsaw" and describe its main premises.
- 27. Discuss what great threshold investments in cities may be connected with.
- 28. Discuss what urbanisation is and what this process consists of.
- 29. Explain the term "suburbanisation" and describe how this happens.
- 30. Explain the term "urban sprawl" and describe the phenomena that characterise this type of settlement.
- 31. Say which planning document is the valid act of local law and which body lays down this act.
- 32. Give the main procedural stages when a local spatial development plan is developed.
- 33. Say which document reflects the spatial policy of a gmina and what two main parts it consists of.
- 34. Give the main differences between the Study of conditions and directions of spatial development in a gmina and a local spatial development plan.
- 35. Explain the concept "universal design".
- 36. Explain the concept "charrette workshop" and discuss the basic rules of this design method.
- 37. Explain the difference between planning social service investments and commercial service investments.

- 38. List the main elements of city landscape which affect the observer, according to the theory of Kazimierz Wejchert.
- 39. List the basic elements of urban composition and discuss one of them.
- 40. List the kinds of urban interiors and say what types of them there may be.
- 41. List the types of perspective openings in a simple urban interior.
- 42. Characterise the concept of "internal angle" in urban design and quote the values of this angle for an urban interior with a clear spatial form.
- 43. List the possibilities of using natural light in an urban composition.
- 44. List the possibilities of using artificial lighting in an urban composition.
- 45. List the possibilities of using colour in an urban composition.
- 46. Discuss the possibilities of using plants in an urban composition.
- 47. Explain the term "crystallising element of the city plan", referring to the theory of Kazimierz Wejchert.
- 48. Explain the term "development intensity index" and say in which documents it is used.
- 49. Give the parameters and indices of land development which are determined in planning documents at the local level.
- 50. Explain the term "area capacity" and say for what purpose it is used in urban planning.