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|  | BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS) IN ARCHITECTURETHEORIES OF ARCHITECTURE AND URBANISM (ARC61303/ARC2224)SYNOPSIS: REACTION PAPER (APRIL 2016) [5 MARKS] | | |
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| SYNOPSIS NO: 2 | READER TITLE: The Death and Life of Great American Cities | | |
| AUTHOR: Jane Jacobs | | |
| The book “The Death and Life of Great American Cities” by Jane Jacobs are alike the many books which covers the standards of an urban city planning. However, this book differs in that it was capable of introducing current city planning and rebuilding ideology which differs from architecture schools.Jane Jacobs touched upon the nature of a city and explains their advantages as well as the problems it poses. She explained that the city sidewalks are more than just pathways for pedestrians but also serve other motives such as safety and contact purposes. The streets must clearly divide its public and private spaces and also constantly have users to provide the same abundance and ubiquity for public life and their safety. She also addressed the issue on city neighborhoods lacking on economic and social self-containment. She mentioned that the city neighborhoods are only useful when the city is a whole, consisting of street neighborhoods and districts of large cities. I agree to this as a city is made up of a community. She taught me to understand a city for its capability of diverse functions such as the need for small blocks to help cut corners. She was able to analyze the economic interrelationship in the neighborhood and argued for the need for aged buildings to help in the rent cost of the needy. She was really aware of the community and plan them ahead of time. Jane has also spoke about the city being in a similar condition to life science whereby they exhibit various interrelated problems albeit the differences. This is true in that the community faces different problems but not the same. I also consent to how she values the understanding of cities by thinking of its processes to rule out how a city actually works.Jane was passionate about urban development and really called out to me that city life is worth living in. Some of her suggestions are still in practice today for urban development. Overall I strongly agree to her take on urbanization and it really enlightened me on how cities function. | | | |
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