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Exploring Mexico's Vibrant Cities: From Ancient to Modern

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Mexico City and Oaxaca both have archaeological sites of historical significance. While Mexico City's Templo Mayor reflects the Aztec civilization, Oaxaca's Monte Albán represents Zapotec culture. Both sites contribute to the understanding of Mexico's indigenous past.
2. Itinerary plans will vary, but an example may include visiting the Plaza de los Mariachis, attending a mariachi performance, exploring the historic district, and sampling tequila at a local distillery.
3. Monterrey's economic development is driven by its industrial and manufacturing sectors. Challenges include environmental concerns due to industrial activities and the need for sustainable practices in a region surrounded by natural beauty.
4. Tourism has brought economic benefits to Cancún, with increased employment opportunities and revenue. However, it has also raised concerns about environmental degradation, such as coral reef damage and waste management. Balancing tourism and conservation is crucial.

