

Exercise walk-through

New Imperialism: Motivations and Methods ■ 7.6

eXercise

You must be able to

- name the three kinds of motive
- name the three enabling technologies and what each solved
- state why the distinction matters
- connect the enablers to unit 6

Method — Three motives

European nations were driven by **economic, political and cultural** motivations in their new imperial ventures in Asia and Africa. The CED gives no ranking.

Method — Three enablers

Advanced weaponry ensured military advantage; communication and transportation technologies facilitated the creation and expansion of empires; advances in medicine enabled European survival in Africa and Asia.

Method — Why the distinction

A motive explains why the attempt was made; an enabler explains why it succeeded. Answering one question with the other is the commonest error in this subtopic.

Method — Link to unit 6

The weapons, ships, telegraphs and medicines were products of industrial and scientific capacity, so the new imperialism is an industrial consequence.

Practice 2.1 ■ 3 marks

Name the three kinds of motive.

Solution 2.1

Worked steps

economic **B1**; political **B1**; cultural **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 3 marks

State what each of the three enablers solved.

Solution 2.2

Method: Three enablers

Worked steps

weaponry — winning the encounter **B1**; communication and transport — creating and expanding, i.e. holding and governing **B1**; medicine — European survival **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

A state sends an expedition and holds the territory for decades.

- (a) State which technologies explain the arrival.
- (b) State which explains the holding.

Solution 2.3

Worked steps

(a) transport and weaponry **B1**. (b) communication and transport, with medicine enabling residence **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The CED says advanced weaponry

- A** delayed conquest
- B** ensured the military advantage of Europeans
- C** was unavailable
- D** was irrelevant

Solution 3.1

Method: Three enablers

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Worked steps

- B.** the CED's own verb is "ensured".

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

A motive explains

- A** why the attempt succeeded
- B** why the attempt was made
- C** the medical situation
- D** the transport system

Solution 3.2

Method: Why the distinction

A why the attempt succeeded

B why the attempt was made 

C the medical situation

D the transport system

Worked steps

B. motive answers why it was attempted.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A student answers a question about enablers by listing economic motives.

- (a) State the error.
- (b) Explain the correct answer's shape.

Solution 3.3

Worked steps

(a) motives answer a different question from enablers **B1**. (b) name the technologies **B1** and state what each made possible that would otherwise have failed **B1**.