

Exercise walk-through

Versailles Conference and Peace Settlement ■ 8.4

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You must be able to

- state the conflicting goals in Paris
- state the CED's verdict on the settlement
- describe the mandate system and its two consequences
- explain why the failure lies in the goals

Method — Conflicting goals

The conflicting goals of the peace negotiators pitted **diplomatic idealism** against **the desire to punish Germany**, producing a settlement that **satisfied few**.

Method — The verdict

“Satisfied few” is the CED’s own assessment. “Few” is not none — the settlement had defenders as well as enemies.

Method — The mandate system

The League distributed former German and Ottoman possessions to France and Great Britain through the mandate system, thereby **altering the imperial balance of power** and **creating a strategic interest in the Middle East and its oil**.

Method — Why the goals

The CED locates the failure in the goals, not the negotiators' competence. Any settlement had to disappoint one of two incompatible aims.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State the two conflicting goals.

Solution 2.1

Method: Conflicting goals

Worked steps

diplomatic idealism **B1**; the desire to punish Germany **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State the two consequences of the mandate system.

Solution 2.2

Method: The mandate system

Worked steps

altering the imperial balance of power **B1**; creating a strategic interest in the Middle East and its oil **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

The CED locates the failure in the goals.

- (a) State what this rules out as an explanation.
- (b) State why any settlement had to disappoint someone.

Solution 2.3

Method: Why the goals

Worked steps

(a) the negotiators' competence **B1**. (b) the two aims were incompatible, so satisfying one meant disappointing the other **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The CED's verdict on the settlement is that it

- A** satisfied everyone
- B** satisfied few
- C** satisfied nobody at all
- D** was never signed

Solution 3.1

Method: The verdict

A satisfied everyone

B satisfied few



C satisfied nobody at all

D was never signed

Worked steps

B. "few" is the CED's word.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

The mandate system was administered by

- A** the Ottoman Empire
- B** the League of Nations
- C** Germany
- D** Russia

Solution 3.2

Method: The mandate system

A the Ottoman Empire

B the League of Nations



C Germany

D Russia

Worked steps

B. the League ran the mandates.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A body founded to replace power politics carries out a transfer of empire.

- (a) State the tension.
- (b) Explain the long-term consequence the CED names.

Solution 3.3

Worked steps

(a) the institution created to end power politics redistributed empire **B1**. (b) a strategic interest in the Middle East and its oil **B1**, which shaped policy long after the mandates ended **B1**.