

Exercise walk-through

Two Super Powers Emerge ■ 9.4

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You must be able to

- state the CED's different words for the two relationships
- name each bloc's institutions
- state the three features and three costs of the bloc economic model
- explain what 'oscillated' describes

Method — Two words

The United States exerted a strong military, political and economic **influence** in Western Europe; countries east of the Iron Curtain came under the **domination** of the Soviet Union. The difference in words is the difference in the claim.

Method — Institutions

West: world monetary and trade systems and geopolitical alliances including NATO.
East: the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance and the Warsaw Pact — an economic body and a military pact on each side.

Method — The model and its costs

Central planning, extensive social welfare and specialised production among bloc members; and with it restriction of individual rights and freedoms, suppression of dissent and constraint of emigration.

Method — ‘Oscillated’

Eastern European nations were bound by relationships with the Soviet Union that **oscillated between repression and limited reform** until the collapse — a pattern with no single direction.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State the CED's word for each relationship and what the difference means.

Solution 2.1

Worked steps

influence in the West, domination in the East **B1**; the difference in words is the difference in the claim about the relationship **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 3 marks

Name the three features of the bloc economic model.

Solution 2.2

Method: The model and its costs

Worked steps

central planning **B1**; extensive social welfare **B1**; specialised production among bloc members **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 3 marks

The model brought three political costs.

- (a) Name them.
- (b) State the CED's word for the relationship's pattern.

Solution 2.3

Method: The model and its costs

Worked steps

(a) restriction of individual rights and freedoms; suppression of dissent; constraint of emigration **B3**. (b) oscillated **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The eastern bloc's economic body was

- A** NATO
- B** COMECON
- C** the Warsaw Pact
- D** the European Union

Solution 3.1

Method: Institutions

A NATO

B COMECON 

C the Warsaw Pact

D the European Union

Worked steps

B. COMECON was the economic body.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

“Oscillated” describes

- A** a steady trend
- B** movement back and forth with no single direction
- C** a single event
- D** a treaty

Solution 3.2

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- B** movement back and forth with no single direction 
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Worked steps

- B.** back and forth, over decades.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

The institutional shapes of the two blocs match while the relationships do not.

- (a) State the shared shape.
- (b) Explain what the comparison should therefore emphasise.

Solution 3.3

Worked steps

(a) an economic body and a military pact on each side **B1**. (b) the relationships inside the institutions **B1**, since the shapes are the same and the CED's words for them are not **B1**.