

Exercise walk-through

Contemporary Western Democracies ■ 9.6

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You must be able to

- state the CED's one-sentence claim about growth and welfare
- explain why 'limitation' is not abolition
- place this in the sequence of liberalism's positions
- write the third sentence most answers omit

Method — The claim

Postwar economic growth supported an increase in welfare benefits; **however**, subsequent economic stagnation led to criticism and limitation of the welfare state.

Method — Limitation, not abolition

The CED says criticism and **limitation**. The accurate claim is that the welfare state was contested and constrained and survived in constrained form.

Method — The sequence

6.9: liberalism shifted from laissez-faire to intervention. 8.11: all three ideologies enlarged the state. 9.6: stagnation produces criticism and limitation. The argument turns again, and the CED takes no side.

Method — The third sentence

State the growth-and-benefits half, then the stagnation-and-criticism half, then **what survived**. Most answers stop at two.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State the CED's two-part claim.

Solution 2.1

Worked steps

postwar growth supported an increase in welfare benefits **B1**; subsequent stagnation led to criticism and limitation of the welfare state **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Explain why “limitation” is not abolition.

Solution 2.2

Method: Limitation, not abolition

Worked steps

the CED says criticism and limitation, not abolition **B1**; the welfare state was constrained and survived in constrained form **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 3 marks

Liberalism's position changes three times across the course.

- (a) Name the three positions in order.
- (b) State what the CED does about taking sides.

Solution 2.3

Method: The sequence

Worked steps

(a) laissez-faire; interventionist; criticised and limited **B3**. (b) it records the turn without taking a side **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The benefits rested on

- A** stagnation
- B** growth continuing
- C** foreign aid
- D** military spending

Solution 3.1

A stagnation

B growth continuing 

C foreign aid

D military spending

Worked steps

B. growth is what supported them.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

The sentence most answers omit states

A what was promised

B what survived

C the date

D the author

Solution 3.2

Method: The third sentence

A what was promised

B what survived 

C the date

D the author

Worked steps

B. what survived the criticism.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A benefit funded from growth is a promise about the future.

- (a) State when the question of payment arises.
- (b) Explain why it then arrives as an accusation.

Solution 3.3

Method: The third sentence

Worked steps

(a) when growth stops **B1**. (b) it arrives all at once rather than gradually **B1**, and after years in which nobody had to justify the arrangement **B1**.