

# Exercise walk-through

## The American Revolution ■ 3.5

eXercise

## You must be able to

- name the five reasons the CED gives
- state what the Patriots were up against
- explain what 'despite' contributes to the sentence
- avoid a single-cause explanation of the outcome

## Method — Five reasons

**The actions of colonial militias and the Continental Army, George Washington's military leadership, the colonists' ideological commitment and resilience, and assistance sent by European allies.**

## Method — Against

**Despite considerable loyalist opposition, as well as Great Britain's apparently overwhelming military and financial advantages.** Loyalist opposition was internal; the British advantage was external.

## Method — ‘Despite’

The word marks the outcome as requiring explanation. The CED is signalling that the Patriot victory was not the expected result, which is why five reasons are given rather than one.

## Method — Not one cause

Ideological commitment without European assistance, or an army without leadership, would not obviously have produced the outcome. The CED's list is the answer to a question about an unexpected result.

## Practice 2.1 ■ 3 marks

Name the five reasons the CED gives.

## Solution 2.1

### Worked steps

colonial militias; the Continental Army; Washington's military leadership; ideological commitment and resilience; assistance from European allies **B3**.

## Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State what the Patriots were up against.

## Solution 2.2

### Worked steps

considerable loyalist opposition **B1**; Britain's apparently overwhelming military and financial advantages **B1**.

## Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

“Despite” marks the outcome.

(a) State what it signals.

(b) State why five reasons are given rather than one.

## Solution 2.3

Method: 'Despite'

### Worked steps

(a) that the outcome requires explanation **B1** because it was not the expected result **B1**. (b) no single factor obviously accounts for an unexpected outcome **B1**.

## Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The CED calls Britain's military and financial advantages

**A** apparently overwhelming

**B** negligible

**C** nonexistent

**D** decisive

## Solution 3.1

Method: Against

**A** apparently overwhelming



**B** negligible

**C** nonexistent

**D** decisive

### Worked steps

**A.** apparently overwhelming.

## Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Loyalist opposition was

**A** internal to the colonies

**B** a British army

**C** French

**D** irrelevant

## Solution 3.2

Method: Against

**A** internal to the colonies



**B** a British army

**C** French

**D** irrelevant

### Worked steps

**A.** internal.

## Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A student explains the Patriot victory entirely by French assistance.

- (a) State what is missing.
- (b) Explain why the CED's list matters.

## Solution 3.3

### Worked steps

(a) the four other reasons the CED gives **B1**. (b) European assistance arrived to support a cause already sustained by militias, an army and ideological commitment **B1**, so it explains part of the outcome and not the whole of it **B1**.