

Exercise walk-through

Failure of Compromise ■ 5.6

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You must be able to

- name the two later attempts the CED gives
- state the CED's verdict on them
- state what ended the Second Party System
- explain why sectional parties are a step towards war

Method — Two attempts

The Kansas-Nebraska Act, and the Dred Scott decision — one legislative, one judicial.

Method — The verdict

They **ultimately failed to reduce conflict**. The CED does not say they caused the war; it says they did not do what they were for.

Method — The party system

The Second Party System ended when the issues of slavery and anti-immigrant nativism weakened loyalties to the two major parties and fostered the emergence of sectional parties, most notably the Republican Party in the North.

Method — Why it matters

A national party has to hold voters in both sections, so it must find positions both can accept. When parties become sectional, nothing in the party system requires anyone to compromise — the institution that had produced compromises stops producing them.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

Name the two later attempts and state the CED's verdict.

Solution 2.1

Worked steps

the Kansas-Nebraska Act and the Dred Scott decision **B1**; they ultimately failed to reduce conflict **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State what ended the Second Party System.

Solution 2.2

Method: The party system

Worked steps

the issues of slavery and anti-immigrant nativism weakened loyalties to the two major parties **B1** and fostered the emergence of sectional parties **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

Sectional parties are a step towards war.

- (a) Explain why.
- (b) Name the party the CED gives.

Solution 2.3

Worked steps

(a) a national party must hold voters in both sections and therefore seek positions both can accept **B1**; a sectional party need not, so nothing in the party system requires compromise **B1**. (b) the Republican Party in the North **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The CED says these attempts

- A** ultimately failed to reduce conflict
- B** caused the war directly
- C** succeeded
- D** were never made

Solution 3.1

A ultimately failed to reduce conflict



B caused the war directly

C succeeded

D were never made

Worked steps

A. failed to reduce conflict.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

The Second Party System was weakened by slavery and

A anti-immigrant nativism

B the tariff alone

C foreign policy

D judicial review

Solution 3.2

Method: The party system

A anti-immigrant nativism



B the tariff alone

C foreign policy

D judicial review

Worked steps

A. nativism.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A party needs votes in only one section to win office.

- (a) State what it no longer needs.
- (b) Explain the consequence for compromise.

Solution 3.3

Method: Why it matters

Worked steps

(a) positions acceptable to the other section **B1**. (b) the party system stops generating compromises **B1**, and the institution that had contained the dispute no longer does **B1**.