

Exercise walk-through

Postwar Diplomacy ■ 7.14

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You must be able to

- state the two conditions that allowed U.S. emergence
- state what the United States emerged as
- explain why the war-ravaged condition of others is part of the explanation
- connect this to period 8

Method — Two conditions

The war-ravaged condition of Asia and Europe, and the dominant U.S. role in the Allied victory and postwar peace settlements, allowed the United States to emerge from the war as the most powerful nation on Earth.

Method — What it emerged as

The most powerful nation on Earth. The CED states it without qualification, which it rarely does.

Method — Relative and absolute

Power is relative. The United States grew stronger during the war while every other major economy was damaged, so the gap widened from both directions at once.

Method — Into period 8

7.1 said global conflict **renewed domestic debates over the nation's proper role in the world**. Period 8 is the conduct of that role and the continuing argument about it.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State the two conditions that allowed U.S. emergence.

Solution 2.1

Method: Two conditions

Worked steps

the war-ravaged condition of Asia and Europe **B1**; the dominant U.S. role in the Allied victory and postwar peace settlements **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Explain why the condition of others is part of the explanation.

Solution 2.2

Worked steps

power is relative **B1**, so the damage to other economies widened the gap as much as U.S. growth did **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

The position leads into the next period.

- (a) State what 7.1 said global conflict renewed.
- (b) State what the United States emerged as.

Solution 2.3

Method: Into period 8

Worked steps

(a) domestic debates over the nation's proper role in the world **B2**. (b) the most powerful nation on Earth **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The CED says the United States emerged as

- A** the most powerful nation on Earth
- B** one of several equals
- C** economically weakened
- D** isolationist

Solution 3.1

A the most powerful nation on Earth



B one of several equals

C economically weakened

D isolationist

Worked steps

A. the CED's unqualified statement.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Power in this account is

- A** relative
- B** absolute only
- C** irrelevant
- D** unmeasurable

Solution 3.2

A relative



B absolute only

C irrelevant

D unmeasurable

Worked steps

A. relative.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

One country grows stronger while others are damaged.

- (a) State the effect on the gap between them.
- (b) Explain why both facts are needed.

Solution 3.3

Method: Relative and absolute

Worked steps

(a) it widens from both directions at once **B1**. (b) growth alone would not produce dominance if others grew too **B1**, and damage to others alone would not produce it without U.S. capacity **B1**.