

Exercise walk-through

The Cold War from 1945 to 1980 ■ 8.2

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You must be able to

- name the three aims of U.S. Cold War policy
- name the three elements of postwar foreign policy
- state what the CED says about the war's rhythm
- state the CED's description of the Soviet Union

Method — Three aims

Policymakers sought **to limit the growth of Communist military power and ideological influence, create a free-market global economy, and build an international security system.** A military aim, an economic aim and an institutional one.

Method — Three elements

As postwar tensions dissolved the wartime alliance, the United States developed a foreign policy based on **collective security, international aid, and economic institutions that bolstered non-Communist nations.**

Method — The rhythm

The Cold War fluctuated between periods of direct and indirect military confrontation and periods of mutual coexistence (or détente). Not a steady state — an alternation the CED names explicitly.

Method — The Soviet Union

The CED calls it **the authoritarian Soviet Union**, and says containment answered **expansionist Communist ideology and Soviet repression**. Reproducing the characterisation is more accurate than naming the country alone.

Practice 2.1 ■ 3 marks

Name the three aims of U.S. Cold War policy.

Solution 2.1

Worked steps

limit the growth of Communist military power and ideological influence **B1**; create a free-market global economy **B1**; build an international security system **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 3 marks

Name the three elements of postwar foreign policy.

Solution 2.2

Method: Three elements

Worked steps

collective security **B1**; international aid **B1**; economic institutions bolstering non-Communist nations **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

The Cold War had a rhythm.

(a) State it.

(b) State the CED's description of the Soviet Union.

Solution 2.3

Worked steps

(a) it fluctuated between direct and indirect military confrontation **B1** and periods of mutual coexistence or détente **B1**. (b) the authoritarian Soviet Union **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The Cold War fluctuated between confrontation and

A periods of mutual coexistence

B total war

C formal alliance

D disarmament treaties only

Solution 3.1

Method: The rhythm

A periods of mutual coexistence



B total war

C formal alliance

D disarmament treaties only

Worked steps

A. mutual coexistence.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

A major military engagement of containment named in 8.2 is

- A** Korea
- B** Vietnam
- C** Cuba
- D** Afghanistan

Solution 3.2

A Korea



B Vietnam

C Cuba

D Afghanistan

Worked steps

A. Korea.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A rivalry alternates between confrontation and coexistence for thirty years.

- (a) State what this rules out.
- (b) Explain what an answer must therefore specify.

Solution 3.3

Method: The rhythm

Worked steps

(a) describing the whole period as one continuous state **B1**. (b) which phase it is discussing **B1**, since policy and public opinion differed between confrontation and détente **B1**.