

Exercise walk-through

The Vietnam War ■ 8.8

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You must be able to

- state what the war was a measure of
- state what decolonization in Asia produced
- state what Americans debated about the executive
- explain why containment produced a war in Vietnam

Method — A measure of containment

Concerned by expansionist Communist ideology and Soviet repression, the United States sought to contain communism through a variety of measures, including major military engagements in Vietnam. The CED classes the war as an instrument of the policy in 8.2.

Method — Asia

Postwar decolonization and the emergence of powerful nationalist movements in Asia led both sides in the Cold War to seek allies among new nations, many of which remained nonaligned.

Method — Executive power

Americans debated the appropriate power of the executive branch in conducting foreign and military policy. A constitutional question raised by a war.

Method — Why Vietnam

A nationalist movement in a decolonising country could be read as national self-determination or as communist expansion. Containment required a judgment about which it was, and the war followed from the judgment made.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State what the CED classes the Vietnam War as.

Solution 2.1

Method: A measure of containment

Worked steps

a major military engagement **B1** among the measures by which the United States sought to contain communism **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State what decolonization in Asia produced.

Solution 2.2

Method: Asia

Worked steps

both sides sought allies among new nations **B1**, many of which remained nonaligned **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

The war raised a constitutional question.

- (a) State it.
- (b) Explain why containment produced a war in a decolonising country.

Solution 2.3

Worked steps

(a) the appropriate power of the executive branch in conducting foreign and military policy **B2**. (b) a nationalist movement could be read as self-determination or as communist expansion, and containment required a judgment **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The CED classes the Vietnam War among measures to

A contain communism

B expand trade

C end decolonization

D enforce détente

Solution 3.1

Method: A measure of containment

A contain communism



B expand trade

C end decolonization

D enforce détente

Worked steps

A. contain communism.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

The constitutional debate concerned the power of

- A** the executive branch in foreign and military policy
- B** the judiciary
- C** state governments
- D** the Senate alone

Solution 3.2

Method: Executive power

A the executive branch in foreign and military policy



B the judiciary

C state governments

D the Senate alone

Worked steps

A. the executive branch.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A nationalist movement can be read two ways.

- (a) State them.
- (b) Explain why the reading determines the policy.

Solution 3.3

Method: Why Vietnam

Worked steps

(a) as national self-determination or as communist expansion **B1**. (b) the first calls for support or neutrality **B1** while the second calls for containment, so the same facts produce opposite policies **B1**.