

## 5.8 Military Conflict in the Civil War

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Total: 12 marks

**KEY WORDS** war's course 战争进程

### Objective

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Build the skills to explain the **war's course** 战争进程.

**You must be able to:**

- state what both sides did and what both faced
- name the four reasons for Union success
- state the CED's description of early Confederate performance
- explain why a list of four reasons is the answer

### 1 Worked examples

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Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

#### ■ Both sides

**Both the Union and the Confederacy mobilized their economies and societies to wage the war even while facing considerable home front opposition.**

Total mobilisation and internal dissent, on both sides.

#### ■ Four reasons

**Improvements in leadership and strategy, key victories, greater resources, and the wartime destruction of the South's infrastructure.**

#### ■ Early Confederate performance

**Although the Confederacy showed military initiative and daring early in the war,** the Union ultimately succeeded. The CED credits the Confederacy's early performance before explaining the outcome.

#### ■ Why four

"Greater resources" alone would predict a quicker victory; "improvements in leadership" alone would not explain the scale. The list is the CED's answer to why an advantage in resources took four years to become a result.

## 2 Practice

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**2.1** State what both sides did and what both faced. [2]

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**2.2** Name the four reasons for Union success. [2]

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**2.3** The CED credits the Confederacy first.

(a) State its description. [2]

(b) Explain why four reasons are given rather than one. [1]

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## 3 Exam-style questions

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**3.1** Both sides faced considerable [1]

- **A** home front opposition
- **B** foreign invasion
- **C** famine
- **D** naval blockade of both coasts

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**3.2** One of the four reasons is the wartime destruction of [1]

- **A** the South's infrastructure
- **B** the North's factories
- **C** European trade
- **D** the railways of the West

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**3.3** A side with far greater resources takes four years to win.

(a) State what this shows. [1]

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(b) Explain what else the CED's list supplies.

[2]

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## Solutions

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**2.1** both mobilized their economies and societies to wage the war; both faced considerable home front opposition.

**2.2** improvements in leadership and strategy; key victories; greater resources; the wartime destruction of the South's infrastructure.

**2.3** (a) it showed military initiative and daring early in the war. (b) no single reason explains why an advantage in resources took four years to produce a result.

**3.1 A.** home front opposition.

**3.2 A.** the South's infrastructure.

**3.3** (a) that resources alone do not decide a war quickly. (b) leadership, strategy and key victories, which explain how the resource advantage was converted into an outcome.