

Exercise walk-through

Trans-Saharan Trade Routes ■ 2.4

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You must be able to

- state the CED's cause of trans-Saharan growth
- name the empire the CED gives and its effect
- explain why the route is an achievement of technology and organisation
- connect this subtopic to 1.5

Method — The cause

The growth of interregional trade was encouraged by **innovations in existing transportation technologies**, and improved transportation and commercial practices increased volume and range, **including the trans-Saharan trade network**.

Method — Mali

The expansion of empires — **including Mali in West Africa** — facilitated Afro-Eurasian trade and communication as new people were drawn into the economies and trade networks.

Method — Why an achievement

Crossing a desert requires an animal that can do it, a route with water, and an organisation that can finance and protect the caravan. The CED's 'innovations in existing technologies' covers all three.

Method — Link to 1.5

1.5 said African state systems expanded in scope and reach. 2.4 shows one way that happened: an empire astride a trade route grows with the traffic it protects.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State the CED's cause of trans-Saharan growth.

Solution 2.1

Method: The cause

Worked steps

innovations in existing transportation technologies **B1**, which increased volume and geographical range **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State the effect of Mali's expansion.

Solution 2.2

Method: Mali

Worked steps

it facilitated Afro-Eurasian trade and communication **B1** as new people were drawn into the economies and trade networks **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 3 marks

Crossing a desert requires more than a route.

- (a) Name three requirements.
- (b) State the link to 1.5.

Solution 2.3

Method: Why an achievement

Worked steps

(a) an animal able to cross; a route with water; an organisation able to finance and protect the caravan **B3**. (b) 1.5's claim that African state systems expanded in scope and reach **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The CED attributes the growth to innovations in

- A** entirely new technologies
- B** existing transportation technologies
- C** military technologies
- D** agricultural technologies

Solution 3.1

Method: The cause

- A entirely new technologies
- B existing transportation technologies** 
- C military technologies
- D agricultural technologies

Worked steps

B. existing technologies, improved.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Mali is located in

- A** East Africa
- B** West Africa
- C** North Africa
- D** Southern Africa

Solution 3.2

A East Africa

B West Africa 

C North Africa

D Southern Africa

Worked steps

B. the CED specifies West Africa.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

An empire sits astride a trade route.

- (a) State what it can supply.
- (b) Explain how this makes the empire and the route grow together.

Solution 3.3

Method: Link to 1.5

Worked steps

(a) protection, water access and a market **B1**. (b) traffic makes the route valuable and the empire richer **B1**, and the richer empire can protect more traffic **B1**.