

Exercise walk-through

Comparison of Economic Exchange ■ 2.7

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You must be able to

- state the two key concepts this subtopic gathers
- name a similarity across the Silk Roads, Indian Ocean and trans-Saharan networks
- name a difference and its basis
- state what the CED says changes in trade networks stimulated

Method — Two key concepts

KC-3.1: a deepening and widening of networks of human interaction contributed to cultural, technological and biological diffusion. **KC-3.3:** changes in trade networks resulted from **and stimulated** increasing productive capacity.

Method — A similarity

All three networks grew through innovations in **existing** transportation and commercial technologies, and all three promoted new trading cities or fostered states.

Method — A difference

The environment each had to solve. The Indian Ocean network depended on monsoon knowledge; the trans-Saharan on desert crossing; the Silk Roads on overland lodging and credit. The basis of comparison is the obstacle each network overcame.

Method — Both directions

Trade networks **resulted from and stimulated** productive capacity. Production and exchange each cause the other, so an answer that makes one purely the effect of the other has flattened the CED's claim.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State the CED's two-directional claim about trade and production.

Solution 2.1

Method: Both directions

Worked steps

changes in trade networks resulted from increasing productive capacity **B1** and stimulated it **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Name a similarity across the three networks.

Solution 2.2

Method: A similarity

Worked steps

all grew through innovations in existing transportation and commercial technologies **B1** and promoted new trading cities or fostered states **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 3 marks

Compare the three networks on the obstacle each overcame.

- (a) State each obstacle.
- (b) State the basis of comparison.

Solution 2.3

Method: A difference

Worked steps

(a) Indian Ocean: the monsoon and open water; trans-Saharan: the desert crossing; Silk Roads: overland distance requiring lodging and credit **B3**. (b) the obstacle each network had to overcome **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The CED says trade networks resulted from and

- A** prevented production
- B** stimulated productive capacity
- C** ignored production
- D** replaced production

Solution 3.1

- A prevented production
- B stimulated productive capacity** 
- C ignored production
- D replaced production

Worked steps

- B. both directions.**

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

KC-3.1's diffusion is cultural, technological and

- A** military
- B** biological
- C** legal
- D** artistic only

Solution 3.2

Method: Two key concepts

A military

B biological 

C legal

D artistic only

Worked steps

B. biological diffusion is 2.6's material.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 4 marks

Write a comparison of the Indian Ocean and trans-Saharan networks.

Solution 3.3

Method: A difference

Worked steps

a basis of comparison stated **B1**; a similarity with evidence **B1**; a difference with evidence **B1**; a sentence relating them rather than describing each in turn **B1**.