

Exercise walk-through

Shifting Power After 1900 ■ 7.1

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You must be able to

- state the CED's frame for the century's political order
- name the three land-based empires that collapsed
- state the CED's explanation of their collapse
- state what the Mexican Revolution arose from

Method — The frame

The West dominated the global political order at the beginning of the 20th century, but both land-based and maritime empires gave way to new states by the century's end. One sentence spanning the whole unit and the next.

Method — Three empires

The older, land-based **Ottoman, Russian and Qing** empires collapsed. All three appeared earlier in the course as major powers.

Method — The explanation

They collapsed **due to a combination of internal and external factors**. The CED insists on both — an answer naming only foreign pressure or only internal weakness has taken half of it. In Russia these changes **eventually led to communist revolution**.

Method — Mexico

States around the world challenged the existing political and social order, including the Mexican Revolution that arose as a result of political crisis. The challenge is not confined to Europe.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State the CED's frame for the century's political order.

Solution 2.1

Method: The frame

Worked steps

the West dominated the global political order at the century's beginning **B1**; land-based and maritime empires gave way to new states by its end **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 3 marks

Name the three land-based empires that collapsed and the CED's explanation.

Solution 2.2

Method: Three empires

Worked steps

Ottoman, Russian and Qing **B2**; a combination of internal and external factors **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

The CED includes the Mexican Revolution.

- (a) State what it arose from.
- (b) State why its inclusion matters.

Solution 2.3

Method: Mexico

Worked steps

(a) political crisis **B1**. (b) it shows the challenge to the existing order was world-wide, not European **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The collapse of the older land-based empires is attributed to

- A** internal factors only
- B** a combination of internal and external factors
- C** external factors only
- D** no identifiable factors

Solution 3.1

Method: Three empires

- A internal factors only
- B a combination of internal and external factors** 
- C external factors only
- D no identifiable factors

Worked steps

B. the CED names both.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

In Russia the changes eventually led to

- A** communist revolution
- B** restoration of the Qing
- C** an Ottoman alliance
- D** no change

Solution 3.2

Method: The explanation

A communist revolution



B restoration of the Qing

C an Ottoman alliance

D no change

Worked steps

A. communist revolution.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A student explains an empire's collapse entirely by foreign pressure.

- (a) State what is missing.
- (b) Explain why the CED's phrasing requires both.

Solution 3.3

Method: The explanation

Worked steps

(a) the internal factors **B1**. (b) “a combination” claims that neither alone accounts for the collapse **B1**, so an answer with one has explained less than the CED does **B1**.