

Exercise walk-through

Conducting World War I ■ 7.3

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You must be able to

- state what made World War I the first total war
- name the four mobilisation strategies the CED lists
- state who was mobilised
- state the effect of new military technology

Method — First total war

World War I was the first total war. Governments used a variety of strategies to mobilise populations **for the purpose of waging war** — the whole society becomes a resource.

Method — Four strategies

Political propaganda, art, media, and intensified forms of nationalism. Three are means of communication and the fourth is a feeling deliberately heightened.

Method — Who

Populations **both in the home countries and the colonies**. Mobilisation reached across empires, which is part of why the war is global beyond its battlefields.

Method — Technology

New military technology led to increased levels of wartime casualties. The CED states the consequence plainly and does not soften it.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

Name the four mobilisation strategies.

Solution 2.1

Method: Four strategies

Worked steps

political propaganda; art; media; intensified forms of nationalism **B2**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State who was mobilised and why this matters.

Solution 2.2

Worked steps

populations in the home countries and the colonies **B1**; mobilisation reached across empires, making the war global beyond its battlefields **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

The CED states a consequence of new technology.

- (a) State it.
- (b) State what makes a war “total”.

Solution 2.3

Method: Technology

Worked steps

(a) increased levels of wartime casualties **B1**. (b) the state mobilises the whole society **B1** rather than only its armed forces **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The CED calls World War I

- A** a limited war
- B** the first total war
- C** a colonial war
- D** a civil war

Solution 3.1

- A** a limited war
- B** the first total war
- C** a colonial war
- D** a civil war



Worked steps

- B.** the CED's own claim.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Populations mobilised included those in the home countries and

- A** the colonies
- B** neutral states
- C** enemy states
- D** nowhere else

Solution 3.2

Method: Who

A the colonies



B neutral states

C enemy states

D nowhere else

Worked steps

A. the colonies are named.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A poster is printed to persuade civilians to work longer hours.

- (a) State which strategy this is.
- (b) Explain why it belongs to the definition of total war.

Solution 3.3

Worked steps

(a) political propaganda **B1**. (b) it treats civilian labour as a war resource **B1**, which is exactly what total war means **B1**.