

Exercise walk-through

Effects of the Cold War ■ 8.3

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You must be able to

- name the two military alliances the CED gives
- state the two further effects of the Cold War
- state where proxy wars were fought
- explain what a proxy war is and why it was used

Method — Two alliances

The Cold War produced new military alliances, **including NATO and the Warsaw Pact** — one per bloc.

Method — Two further effects

It **led to nuclear proliferation and proxy wars**. The first raised the cost of direct war; the second is what the powers did instead.

Method — Where

Between and within postcolonial states in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

“Within” as well as “between”: a proxy war may be a civil war with external backing.

Method — Why proxies

Nuclear weapons made direct war unacceptably costly to both. Competition was displaced onto third countries, which bore the fighting the superpowers avoided.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

Name the two military alliances.

Solution 2.1

Method: Two alliances

Worked steps

NATO **B1**; the Warsaw Pact **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State the two further effects and how they connect.

Solution 2.2

Method: Two further effects

Worked steps

nuclear proliferation and proxy wars **B1**; proliferation made direct war too costly, so competition was displaced into proxy wars **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 3 marks

Proxy wars were fought in specific places.

- (a) Name the three regions.
- (b) State the force of “and within”.

Solution 2.3

Worked steps

(a) Latin America; Africa; Asia **B3**. (b) some were civil wars within a state rather than wars between states **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

Nuclear proliferation made direct war between the superpowers

- A** more likely
- B** unacceptably costly
- C** cheaper
- D** unchanged

Solution 3.1

Method: Why proxies

- A more likely
- B unacceptably costly 
- C cheaper
- D unchanged

Worked steps

B. that is why proxies were used.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

“Between and within postcolonial states” indicates that some proxy wars were

A civil wars with external backing

B naval wars only

C fought in Europe

D imaginary

Solution 3.2

Method: Where

A civil wars with external backing



B naval wars only

C fought in Europe

D imaginary

Worked steps

A. “within” covers civil wars.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

Two powers avoid fighting each other and fund opposing sides elsewhere.

- (a) Name the practice.
- (b) Explain who bears the cost.

Solution 3.3

Method: Two further effects

Worked steps

(a) proxy war **B1**. (b) the postcolonial states in which the fighting occurs **B1**, not the superpowers funding it **B1**.