

Exercise walk-through

World War II ■ 8.8

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You must be able to

- explain the Axis powers' early success
- name the four Allied contributions
- state what military technologies made possible
- explain why the CED refuses a single decisive factor

Method — Early success

Germany's Blitzkrieg warfare in Europe, combined with Japan's attacks in Asia and the Pacific, brought the Axis powers early victories. Blitzkrieg is a **method** — speed and combined arms answering the trench stalemate of 8.2.

Method — Four contributions

American and British industrial, scientific and technological power; cooperative military efforts under strong leadership such as Churchill's; the resistance of civilians; and the all-out military commitment of the USSR — all **contributed critically**.

Method — What technology made possible

Military technologies made possible industrialised warfare, genocide, nuclear proliferation and the risk of global nuclear war. Two of the four belong to the decades after 1945.

Method — No single factor

“Contributed critically” distributes the credit across four items. An answer keeping one has narrowed the CED’s claim.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

Explain what Blitzkrieg was and what problem it answered.

Solution 2.1

Worked steps

a method of speed and combined arms **B1** answering the trench stalemate of the First World War **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Name the four Allied contributions.

Solution 2.2

Method: Four contributions

Worked steps

industrial, scientific and technological power; cooperative military efforts under strong leadership; civilian resistance; the all-out commitment of the USSR **B2**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

The CED lists four things military technologies made possible.

(a) Name them.

(b) State which two reach past 1945.

Solution 2.3

Method: What technology made possible

Worked steps

(a) industrialised warfare; genocide; nuclear proliferation; the risk of global nuclear war **B2**. (b) nuclear proliferation **B1**; the risk of global nuclear war **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

“Contributed critically” indicates that credit is

- A** given to one factor
- B** distributed across the four
- C** withheld
- D** given to the USSR alone

Solution 3.1

Method: No single factor

- A given to one factor
- B distributed across the four** 
- C withheld
- D given to the USSR alone

Worked steps

- B. the adverb distributes the credit.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Blitzkrieg is best described as

- A** a single weapon
- B** a method of speed and combined arms
- C** a treaty
- D** a defensive line

Solution 3.2

- A** a single weapon
- B** a method of speed and combined arms 
- C** a treaty
- D** a defensive line

Worked steps

- B.** it is a method, not a device.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A method wins the first year of a war and loses the fifth.

(a) State why.

(b) Explain what this shows about industrial capacity.

Solution 3.3

Worked steps

(a) a method can be studied and countered **B1**. (b) a factory cannot be out-thought **B1**, so sustained production decides a long war where tactics decide a short one **B1**.