

8.5 Global Economic Crisis

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• great depression 大萧条 • fascism 法西斯主义

Objective

Build the skills to explain the **Great Depression** 大萧条 in Europe.

You must be able to:

- state the CED’s causes of the Depression
- state its two political effects
- explain why the CED faults theories as well as practices
- connect the crisis to 8.6

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Causes

The Great Depression was caused by **weaknesses in international trade and monetary theories and practices** — the CED faults the ideas as well as the arrangements, which is a rare and useful move.

■ Political effects

It **undermined** Western European democracies and **fomented** radical political responses throughout Europe. “Undermined” describes a weakening, not a universal collapse.

■ Faulting theories

If the doctrines governments held made the crisis worse, then an economic crisis has an intellectual cause, and 6.9’s shifting liberalism becomes part of the story.

■ Link to 8.6

8.6 names **economic instability** among the conditions in which fascism gained popularity, so this subtopic is a named cause of the next.

2 Practice

2.1 State the CED’s causes of the Depression. [2]

2.2 State its two political effects and the force of “undermined”. [2]

2.3 The CED faults theories as well as practices.
(a) State what this permits an answer to say. [1]

(b) State the link to 8.6. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 “Undermined Western European democracies” describes [1]

- **A** universal collapse
- **B** a weakening
- **C** strengthening
- **D** no effect

3.2 The CED says the Depression fomented [1]

- **A** economic recovery
- **B** radical political responses
- **C** disarmament
- **D** the Concert of Europe

3.3 A government responds to falling revenue by cutting spending, and demand falls further.

(a) State what is at fault. [1]

(b) Explain how this fits the CED's phrasing. [2]

Solutions

2.1 weaknesses in international trade; weaknesses in monetary theories and practices.

2.2 it undermined Western European democracies and fomented radical political responses; "undermined" describes weakening rather than universal collapse.

2.3 (a) that the doctrines governments held made the crisis worse. (b) 8.6 names economic instability among the conditions for fascism.

3.1 B. some democracies survived the decade.

3.2 B. radical responses are the CED's term.

3.3 (a) the doctrine directing the response. (b) the CED faults monetary theories as well as practices, so a policy failure of this kind is exactly what the phrasing covers.