

8.7 Europe During the Interwar Period

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Objective

Build the skills to explain why the **interwar** 两次大战之间 settlement failed.

You must be able to:

- name the four factors that produced the Second World War
- name the three things that allowed rearmament
- distinguish 'allowed' from 'caused'
- explain why each obstacle failed

1 Worked examples

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

■ Four factors

In the interwar period, **fascism, extreme nationalism, racist ideologies and the failure of appeasement** resulted in the catastrophe of the Second World War, presenting a grave challenge to European civilisation.

■ Three permissions

French and British fears of another war, American isolationism, and deep distrust between Western democratic capitalist nations and the authoritarian communist Soviet Union **allowed** fascist states to rearm and expand.

■ Allowed against caused

The three removed obstacles; they did not supply motives. An account needs both halves: what drove the aggressors and what failed to stop them.

■ Why each failed

Fear of another war is 8.2's cost recorded honestly; American isolationism withdraws the power 8.2 had just named; distrust is 8.1's three-way battle preventing a two-way alliance.

2 Practice

2.1 Name the four factors the CED gives. [2]

2.2 State the difference between "allowed" and "caused". [2]

2.3 Each of the three permissions has an earlier source.

(a) Match two to their sources. [2]

(b) State what an account needs besides them. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 The failure of appeasement is [1]

- **A** an ideology
- **B** a policy
- **C** a technology
- **D** a treaty

3.2 The CED calls the war [1]

- **A** a minor setback
- **B** a grave challenge to European civilisation
- **C** an economic adjustment
- **D** a colonial dispute

3.3 A door is unlocked and a house is robbed.

(a) State what the unlocked door explains. [1]

(b) Explain the parallel with the interwar permissions. [2]

Solutions

2.1 fascism; extreme nationalism; racist ideologies; the failure of appeasement.

2.2 “allowed” removes an obstacle; “caused” supplies a motive.

2.3 (a) fear of another war to 8.2’s losses; distrust to 8.1’s three-way ideological battle.

(b) what drove the aggressors.

3.1 B. appeasement is a policy, not an ideology.

3.2 B. the CED’s own unusually strong assessment.

3.3 (a) how the theft was possible, not why anyone wanted what was inside. (b) the permissions explain how rearmament was possible, while the four factors explain why it was pursued.