

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]

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

3.2 The CED calls the war [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- 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]
