

## 9.6 Contemporary Western Democracies

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total: 13 marks**

**KEY WORDS** welfare state 福利国家 • increase in welfare benefits 福利待遇  
• economic stagnation 经济停滞

### Objective

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Build the skills to explain the **welfare state** 福利国家 and its critics.

**You must be able to:**

- state the CED's one-sentence claim about growth and welfare
- explain why 'limitation' is not abolition
- place this in the sequence of liberalism's positions
- write the third sentence most answers omit

### 1 Worked examples

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

#### ■ The claim

Postwar economic growth supported an increase in welfare benefits; **however**, subsequent economic stagnation led to criticism and limitation of the welfare state.

#### ■ Limitation, not abolition

The CED says criticism and **limitation**. The accurate claim is that the welfare state was contested and constrained and survived in constrained form.

#### ■ The sequence

6.9: liberalism shifted from laissez-faire to intervention. 8.11: all three ideologies enlarged the state. 9.6: stagnation produces criticism and limitation. The argument turns again, and the CED takes no side.

#### ■ The third sentence

State the growth-and-benefits half, then the stagnation-and-criticism half, then **what survived**. Most answers stop at two.

## 2 Practice

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**2.1** State the CED's two-part claim. [2]

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**2.2** Explain why "limitation" is not abolition. [2]

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**2.3** Liberalism's position changes three times across the course.

(a) Name the three positions in order. [3]

(b) State what the CED does about taking sides. [1]

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## 3 Exam-style questions

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**3.1** The benefits rested on [1]

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| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** stagnation
  - B** growth continuing
  - C** foreign aid
  - D** military spending

**3.2** The sentence most answers omit states [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** what was promised
  - B** what survived
  - C** the date
  - D** the author

**3.3** A benefit funded from growth is a promise about the future.

(a) State when the question of payment arises. [1]

(b) Explain why it then arrives as an accusation. [2]

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