

9.6 Contemporary Western Democracies

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

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

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

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

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

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]

3 Exam-style questions

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]
