

Exercise walk-through

Historical Causes of Diffusion ■ 3.5

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You must be able to

- explain how **colonialism** 殖民主义 and **imperialism** 帝国主义 spread culture
- explain how **trade** 贸易 routes diffused ideas
- explain how historical migration diffused language and religion
- give one lasting effect of historical diffusion

Method — Colonialism and imperialism

Colonialism and **imperialism** imposed a ruling culture's language, religion, and institutions on distant territories — often lasting long after the empire ended.

Method — Trade routes

Trade routes such as the Silk Road diffused goods, religions, technologies, and languages between distant regions over centuries.

Method — Lasting effects

Historical diffusion explains why languages like English, Spanish, and French, and major religions, are spoken and practised far from where they began.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

Explain how colonialism spread language across the world.

Solution 2.1

Method: Colonialism and imperialism

Worked steps

colonial powers imposed their language on administration/education **B1**; it remained widely spoken after independence **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State one way trade routes historically caused diffusion.

Solution 2.2

Method: Trade routes

Worked steps

merchants carried goods and ideas along routes **B1**; religions/technologies/languages spread between regions **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

A country far from Europe has a European language as an official language.

- (a) State the most likely historical cause.
- (b) Name the diffusion type involved when settlers brought the language.

Solution 2.3

Method: Lasting effects

Worked steps

(a) colonialism/imperialism **B1**. (b) relocation diffusion **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The spread of a major world religion along ancient trade routes is an example of

- A** historical diffusion
- B** time-space compression
- C** carrying capacity
- D** a relict boundary

Solution 3.1

Method: Trade routes

A historical diffusion



B time-space compression

C carrying capacity

D a relict boundary

Worked steps

A. spread along historic trade routes is historical diffusion.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Colonial languages remaining official long after independence shows that diffusion can have

- A** no lasting effects
- B** long-lasting cultural effects
- C** only economic effects
- D** reversed itself

Solution 3.2

- A no lasting effects
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Worked steps

B. colonial-era language persistence shows lasting cultural effects.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

Two distant continents share a common religion introduced centuries ago.

- (a) Give one historical process that could explain this.
- (b) Explain why the effect still shows today.

Solution 3.3

Worked steps

(a) colonialism, missionary activity, or trade **B1**. (b) religion, once adopted, is passed down and embedded in culture **B1**.