

4.3 Political Power and Territoriality

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Total: 10 marks

Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **territoriality** 领域性 and political power.

You must be able to:

- define **territoriality** 领域性
- explain the strategic value of a **choke point** 咽喉要道
- define an **exclusive economic zone** 专属经济区 (EEZ)
- explain how control of space projects power

1 Worked examples

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

■ Territoriality

Territoriality is the attempt by a person or group to control an area to influence what happens within it —from a nation’s borders to a gang’s turf.

■ Choke points

A **choke point** is a narrow passage (a strait or canal) that controls movement; whoever holds it gains strategic and economic power over trade routes.

■ Exclusive economic zone

An **exclusive economic zone** extends 200 nautical miles from a coast, giving a state rights to the resources (fish, oil) in that water.

2 Practice

2.1 Define territoriality. [2]

2.2 Explain why a choke point gives a state strategic power. [2]

2.3 A coastal state claims the waters up to 200 nautical miles from its shore.

(a) Name this maritime zone. [1]

(b) State one resource right it gives the state. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 A narrow sea passage that controls a vital shipping route is a [1]

- **A** choke point
 - **B** relict boundary
 - **C** shatterbelt
 - **D** enclave
-

3.2 A country's rights to fish and drill within 200 nautical miles of its coast come from its [1]

- **A** territorial sea only
 - **B** exclusive economic zone
 - **C** relict boundary
 - **D** federal structure
-

3.3 A single strait carries much of the world's oil shipments.

(a) Explain why nearby states value controlling it. [1]

(b) State how this illustrates territoriality. [1]

4 Go further

- work through the **4.3 Political Power and Territoriality** lesson on the **Learn** page;
 - read the **Political Patterns and Processes** section of the AP Human Geography handout on the **Know** page.
-

Solutions

2.1 the effort to control an area/space to influence people and activities within it.

2.2 it is a narrow passage that controls the flow of trade/ships; whoever holds it can restrict or tax movement.

2.3 (a) exclusive economic zone (EEZ). (b) rights to fishing, oil, gas, or minerals in those waters.

3.1 A. a narrow strategic passage is a choke point.

3.2 B. resource rights to 200 nm = exclusive economic zone.

3.3 (a) controlling it means power over vital trade and potential revenue. (b) it shows states trying to control space to influence activity.