

Exercise walk-through

Politics and Regional Interests ■ 4.3

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You must be able to

- state the CED's claim about regional and national concerns
- state what debates over the American System were about
- state the CED's verdict on the Missouri Compromise
- explain what 'only temporarily stemmed' concedes

Method — Regional over national

Regional interests often trumped national concerns as the basis for many political leaders' positions on slavery and economic policy. “Often” and “many” — a tendency, carefully qualified.

Method — The American System

Plans to further unify the U.S. economy, such as the American System, generated debates over whether such policies would benefit agriculture or industry, potentially favoring different sections of the country. A plan for unity that produced a sectional argument.

Method — Missouri

Congressional attempts at political compromise, such as the Missouri Compromise, only temporarily stemmed growing tensions between opponents and defenders of slavery.

Method — ‘Only temporarily’

The CED grants that the compromise worked and denies that it settled anything. Both halves matter: an answer calling it a failure has missed that it held, and one calling it a success has missed that the tensions were still growing.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State the CED's claim about regional and national concerns.

Solution 2.1

Method: Regional over national

Worked steps

regional interests often trumped national concerns (B1) as the basis for many leaders' positions on slavery and economic policy (B1).

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State what debates over the American System were about.

Solution 2.2

Method: The American System

Worked steps

whether such policies would benefit agriculture or industry **B1**, potentially favouring different sections of the country **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

“Only temporarily stemmed” has two halves.

(a) State each.

(b) State what the qualifiers “often” and “many” contribute.

Solution 2.3

Worked steps

(a) it did stem the tensions **B1**; it did so only temporarily **B1**. (b) they make the claim a tendency rather than a rule **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The CED says regional interests often trumped

- A** national concerns
- B** foreign policy
- C** the Constitution
- D** party discipline

Solution 3.1

Method: Regional over national

A national concerns



B foreign policy

C the Constitution

D party discipline

Worked steps

A. national concerns.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

The American System debate concerned whether policies would benefit

A agriculture or industry

B Britain or France

C courts or legislatures

D cities or towns

Solution 3.2

Method: The American System

A agriculture or industry



B Britain or France

C courts or legislatures

D cities or towns

Worked steps

A. agriculture or industry.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A compromise holds for thirty years and the underlying tension grows.

- (a) State the CED's judgment.
- (b) Explain why both halves belong in an answer.

Solution 3.3

Method: 'Only temporarily'

Worked steps

(a) that it only temporarily stemmed growing tensions **B1**. (b) calling it a failure misses that it held **B1**; calling it a success misses that the tensions kept growing beneath it **B1**.