

Exercise walk-through

Comparison in Period 5 ■ 5.12

eXercise

You must be able to

- state what a comparison must contain
- name a similarity between North and South in the war
- name a difference and its basis
- use the CED's own qualifiers to limit the comparison

Method — What it contains

A similarity, a difference and a stated basis of comparison.

Method — A similarity

Both the Union and the Confederacy mobilized their economies and societies to wage the war even while facing considerable home front opposition. The CED supplies the similarity in one sentence.

Method — A difference

Resources and infrastructure. The Union had **greater resources**, and the war brought the **wartime destruction of the South's infrastructure**. The basis of comparison is the capacity to sustain a long war.

Method — Limits

“Some short-term successes”, “generally fell short”, “most slave states” — the CED’s qualifiers are the material for a comparison that does not overstate.

Practice 2.1 ■ 3 marks

State the three things a comparison must contain.

Solution 2.1

Worked steps

a similarity **B1**; a difference **B1**; a stated basis of comparison **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Name a similarity between the Union and the Confederacy.

Solution 2.2

Method: A similarity

Worked steps

both mobilized their economies and societies **B1** while facing considerable home front opposition **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

Name a difference with its basis.

(a) State them.

(b) Name two of the CED's qualifiers that limit a claim.

Solution 2.3

Worked steps

(a) the Union had greater resources while the South's infrastructure was destroyed in the war **B1**; the basis is the capacity to sustain a long war **B1**. (b) any two of: "some short-term successes"; "generally fell short"; "most slave states" **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

Both sides mobilized while facing

A considerable home front opposition

B no opposition

C foreign occupation

D identical resources

Solution 3.1

Method: A similarity

A considerable home front opposition



B no opposition

C foreign occupation

D identical resources

Worked steps

A. home front opposition.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

A basis of comparison for the war's outcome is the capacity to

A sustain a long war

B win a single battle

C hold an election

D appoint judges

Solution 3.2

Method: A difference

A sustain a long war



B win a single battle

C hold an election

D appoint judges

Worked steps

A. sustaining a long war.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 4 marks

Write a comparison of the Union and the Confederacy on their capacity to sustain the war.

Solution 3.3

Method: A difference

Worked steps

the basis stated **B1**; a similarity with evidence **B1**; a difference with evidence **B1**; a sentence relating the two rather than describing each in turn **B1**.