

Exercise walk-through

Military Conflict in the Civil War ■ 5.8

eXercise

You must be able to

- state what both sides did and what both faced
- name the four reasons for Union success
- state the CED's description of early Confederate performance
- explain why a list of four reasons is the answer

Method — Both sides

Both the Union and the Confederacy mobilized their economies and societies to wage the war even while facing considerable home front opposition. Total mobilisation and internal dissent, on both sides.

Method — Four reasons

Improvements in leadership and strategy, key victories, greater resources, and the wartime destruction of the South's infrastructure.

Method — Early Confederate performance

Although the Confederacy showed military initiative and daring early in the war, the Union ultimately succeeded. The CED credits the Confederacy's early performance before explaining the outcome.

Method — Why four

“Greater resources” alone would predict a quicker victory; “improvements in leadership” alone would not explain the scale. The list is the CED’s answer to why an advantage in resources took four years to become a result.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State what both sides did and what both faced.

Solution 2.1

Method: Both sides

Worked steps

both mobilized their economies and societies to wage the war **B1**; both faced considerable home front opposition **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Name the four reasons for Union success.

Solution 2.2

Method: Four reasons

Worked steps

improvements in leadership and strategy; key victories; greater resources; the wartime destruction of the South's infrastructure **B2**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

The CED credits the Confederacy first.

- (a) State its description.
- (b) Explain why four reasons are given rather than one.

Solution 2.3

Worked steps

(a) it showed military initiative and daring early in the war **B2**. (b) no single reason explains why an advantage in resources took four years to produce a result **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

Both sides faced considerable

- A** home front opposition
- B** foreign invasion
- C** famine
- D** naval blockade of both coasts

Solution 3.1

Method: Both sides

A home front opposition



B foreign invasion

C famine

D naval blockade of both coasts

Worked steps

A. home front opposition.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

One of the four reasons is the wartime destruction of

A the South's infrastructure

B the North's factories

C European trade

D the railways of the West

Solution 3.2

Method: Four reasons

A the South's infrastructure



B the North's factories

C European trade

D the railways of the West

Worked steps

A. the South's infrastructure.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A side with far greater resources takes four years to win.

- (a) State what this shows.
- (b) Explain what else the CED's list supplies.

Solution 3.3

Method: Why four

Worked steps

(a) that resources alone do not decide a war quickly **B1**. (b) leadership, strategy and key victories **B1**, which explain how the resource advantage was converted into an outcome **B1**.