

# Exercise walk-through

The New Deal ■ 7.10

eXercise

## You must be able to

- state the three aims of the New Deal
- state the two pressures on Roosevelt
- state what the New Deal did and did not achieve
- state the political realignment it fostered

## Method — Three aims

**Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal attempted to end the Great Depression by using government power to provide relief to the poor, stimulate recovery, and reform the American economy.**

## Method — Two pressures

**Radical, union, and populist movements pushed Roosevelt toward more extensive efforts to change the American economic system, while conservatives in Congress and the Supreme Court sought to limit the New Deal's scope.**  
Pressure from both directions.

## Method — Achievement

**Although the New Deal did not end the Depression, it left a legacy of reforms and regulatory agencies.** The CED denies the immediate success and asserts the lasting one.

## Method — Realignment

**It fostered a long-term political realignment in which many ethnic groups, African Americans, and working-class communities identified with the Democratic Party.**

## Practice 2.1 ■ 3 marks

State the three aims of the New Deal.

## Solution 2.1

Method: Three aims

### Worked steps

provide relief to the poor **B1**; stimulate recovery **B1**; reform the American economy **B1**.

## Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State the two pressures on Roosevelt.

## Solution 2.2

Method: Two pressures

### Worked steps

radical, union and populist movements pushing for more extensive change **B1**;  
conservatives in Congress and the Supreme Court seeking to limit its scope **B1**.

## Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

The CED assesses the New Deal in two parts.

- (a) State both.
- (b) State the realignment it fostered.

## Solution 2.3

### Worked steps

(a) it did not end the Depression **B1**; it left a legacy of reforms and regulatory agencies **B1**. (b) a long-term realignment in which many ethnic groups, African Americans and working-class communities identified with the Democratic Party **B1**.

## Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The CED says the New Deal

- A** did not end the Depression
- B** ended the Depression
- C** worsened it deliberately
- D** was never enacted

## Solution 3.1

**A** did not end the Depression



**B** ended the Depression

**C** worsened it deliberately

**D** was never enacted

### Worked steps

**A.** it did not end the Depression.

## Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Conservatives in Congress and the Supreme Court sought to

**A** limit the New Deal's scope

**B** expand it

**C** ignore it

**D** fund it

## Solution 3.2

Method: Two pressures

**A** limit the New Deal's scope



**B** expand it

**C** ignore it

**D** fund it

### Worked steps

**A.** limit its scope.

## Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A programme fails at its stated aim and changes politics for a generation.

- (a) State the CED's judgment.
- (b) Explain how both can be true.

## Solution 3.3

### Worked steps

(a) that it did not end the Depression but left a lasting legacy **B1**. (b) the stated aim was recovery, which it did not achieve **B1**, while the institutions and loyalties it created outlived the crisis **B1**.