

# 5.12 Comparison in Period 5

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Total: 14 marks**

**KEY WORDS** compare 比较

## Objective

Build the skills to **compare** 比较 within period 5.

**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

## 1 Worked examples

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

■ **What it contains**

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

■ **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.

■ **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.

■ **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.

## 2 Practice

**2.1** State the three things a comparison must contain. [3]

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**2.2** Name a similarity between the Union and the Confederacy. [2]

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**2.3** Name a difference with its basis.

(a) State them. [2]

(b) Name two of the CED’s qualifiers that limit a claim. [1]

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## 3 Exam-style questions

**3.1** Both sides mobilized while facing [1]

- **A** considerable home front opposition
- **B** no opposition
- **C** foreign occupation
- **D** identical resources

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**3.2** A basis of comparison for the war’s outcome is the capacity to [1]

- **A** sustain a long war
- **B** win a single battle
- **C** hold an election
- **D** appoint judges

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**3.3** Write a comparison of the Union and the Confederacy on their capacity to sustain the war. [4]

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## Solutions

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

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

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

**3.1 A.** home front opposition.

**3.2 A.** sustaining a long war.

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