

5.8 Military Conflict in the Civil War

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____ **Total: 12 marks**

KEY WORDS war’s course 战争进程

Objective

Build the skills to explain the **war’s course** 战争进程.

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

1 Worked examples

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

■ **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.

■ **Four reasons**

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

■ **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.

■ **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.

2 Practice

2.1 State what both sides did and what both faced. [2]

2.2 Name the four reasons for Union success. [2]

2.3 The CED credits the Confederacy first.

(a) State its description. [2]

(b) Explain why four reasons are given rather than one. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Both sides faced considerable [1]

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

3.2 One of the four reasons is the wartime destruction of [1]

- **A** the South’s infrastructure
- **B** the North’s factories
- **C** European trade
- **D** the railways of the West

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

(a) State what this shows. [1]

(b) Explain what else the CED's list supplies. [2]

Solutions

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

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

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

3.1 A. home front opposition.

3.2 A. the South's infrastructure.

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