

Solutions

Each answer shows the steps, then the **result**.

2.1

- new crops stimulating population growth; new sources of mineral wealth facilitating the shift from feudalism to capitalism

2.2

- it made the shift possible rather than inevitable; a change already under way was accelerated by an external supply of money

2.3

(a)

- that the epidemics advanced the conquest rather than merely coinciding with it

(b)

- improvements in maritime technology and organised methods of trade such as joint-stock companies

3.1 A

- population growth

3.2 A

- possible, not inevitable

3.3

(a)

- that the conquest was furthered by the epidemics

(b)

- disease reduced the capacity of societies to resist, so the military effort met weakened opposition