

8.1 Contextualizing Period 8

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____ **Total: 13 marks**

KEY WORDS cold war 冷战 • context 背景

Objective

Build the skills to write the **context** 背景 for 1945-1980.

You must be able to:

- state the CED’s three key concepts for the period
- state what the United States was responding to
- state the range of responses the new movements generated
- state what postwar changes affected

1 Worked examples

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

■ Three key concepts

KC-8.1: the United States responded to an uncertain and unstable postwar world by asserting and working to maintain a position of global leadership, **with far-reaching domestic and international consequences**. **KC-8.2:** new movements for civil rights and liberal efforts to expand the role of government **generated a range of political and cultural responses**. **KC-8.3:** postwar economic and demographic changes had far-reaching consequences for American society, politics and culture.

■ What it responded to

An uncertain and unstable postwar world. 7.14 left the United States the most powerful nation on Earth; KC-8.1 says the world it led was neither settled nor safe.

■ A range of responses

The CED does not say the movements succeeded or failed. It says they **generated a range of responses** — support, opposition and the conservative reaction of 8.14 are all inside that phrase.

■ Domestic and international

KC-8.1 insists the consequences ran both ways. The Cold War is a domestic subject as much as a foreign one, which is why 8.3’s Red Scare sits inside it.

2 Practice

2.1 State the CED’s three key concepts for the period. [3]

2.2 State what the United States was responding to. [2]

2.3 KC-8.2 avoids a verdict.

(a) State its phrase and what it covers. [2]

(b) State why the Cold War is a domestic subject. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 KC-8.1 says the consequences of global leadership were [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A domestic and international
B international only
C domestic only
D negligible

3.2 The postwar world is described as [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A uncertain and unstable
B settled
C peaceful
D unchanged

3.3 A phrase says movements “generated a range of responses”.

(a) State what it declines to do.

[1]

(b) Explain what it therefore includes.

[2]
