

Exercise walk-through

State Building in Africa ■ 1.5

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You must be able to

- state the CED's comparative claim about Africa
- name the three regions the CED puts on equal footing
- explain what the parallel wording is doing
- connect African state building to 2.4

Method — The claim

In Africa, **as in Eurasia and the Americas**, state systems demonstrated continuity, innovation and diversity **and expanded in scope and reach**.

Method — Three regions, one sentence

Eurasia, the Americas and Africa receive the same wording. The CED is deliberately refusing a hierarchy of regions.

Method — What the parallel does

Identical wording is an argument: state formation is a global process with regional forms, not a European or Asian achievement copied elsewhere.

Method — Link to 2.4

2.4 records that the expansion of empires **including Mali in West Africa** facilitated Afro-Eurasian trade, so African states are also participants in unit 2's networks.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State the CED's claim about African state systems.

Solution 2.1

Method: The claim

Worked steps

they demonstrated continuity, innovation and diversity **B1** and expanded in scope and reach **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 3 marks

Name the three regions given identical wording.

Solution 2.2

Method: Three regions, one sentence

Worked steps

Eurasia **B1**; the Americas **B1**; Africa **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

The CED uses identical wording for three regions.

- (a) State what this is arguing.
- (b) State the link to unit 2.

Solution 2.3

Method: Three regions, one sentence

Worked steps

(a) that state formation is a global process with regional forms **B1**. (b) 2.4's expansion of empires including Mali facilitated Afro-Eurasian trade **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

Identical wording across three regions refuses

- A** all comparison
- B** a hierarchy of regions
- C** any evidence
- D** chronology

Solution 3.1

Method: Three regions, one sentence

A all comparison

B a hierarchy of regions 

C any evidence

D chronology

Worked steps

B. no region is ranked above another.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

2.4 names the West African empire of

A Mali

B Song

C Delhi

D Kiev

Solution 3.2

Method: Link to 2.4

A Mali



B Song

C Delhi

D Kiev

Worked steps

A. Mali is the CED's example.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A textbook describes African states only as trading partners of others.

- (a) State the failure.
- (b) Explain what the CED's wording requires instead.

Solution 3.3

Method: Link to 2.4

Worked steps

(a) it treats African states as objects of others' history rather than states in their own right **B1**. (b) the same analysis applied to them as to Eurasia and the Americas **B1** — continuity, innovation, diversity and expansion in scope and reach **B1**.