

Exercise walk-through

The Silk Roads ■ 2.1

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You must be able to

- state the CED's causal chain from practices to cities
- name the three commercial and transport innovations
- state which regions expanded production for export
- explain why the causes are commercial rather than political

Method — The chain

Improved commercial practices led to an increased volume of trade and expanded the geographical range of existing trade routes — including the Silk Roads — **promoting the growth of powerful new trading cities**. Practice → volume → range → cities.

Method — Three innovations

The caravanseraï, forms of credit, and the development of money economies. Two are financial and only one is physical.

Method — Production for export

Chinese, Persian and Indian artisans and merchants **expanded their production of textiles and porcelains for export**; manufacture of iron and steel expanded in China. Demand at one end changed production at the other.

Method — Commercial causes

The CED's causes are credit, money and lodging, not conquest. An answer explaining the Silk Roads by empire has substituted a different cause for the one given.

Practice 2.1 ■ 3 marks

State the CED's causal chain in order.

Solution 2.1

Worked steps

improved commercial practices **B1**; increased volume and expanded geographical range **B1**; the growth of powerful new trading cities **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Name the three innovations and say which is physical.

Solution 2.2

Method: Three innovations

Worked steps

the caravanserai, forms of credit, money economies **B1**; the caravanserai is the physical one **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

Demand in one region changed production in another.

- (a) Name the goods and regions the CED gives.
- (b) State what this shows about trade routes.

Solution 2.3

Method: Production for export

Worked steps

(a) textiles and porcelains from Chinese, Persian and Indian producers; iron and steel in China **B2**. (b) that they changed what was produced, not only what was carried **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

Two of the three named innovations are

A military

B financial

C agricultural

D religious

Solution 3.1

Method: Three innovations

A military

B financial



C agricultural

D religious

Worked steps

B. credit and money economies.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

The CED says the expanded routes promoted the growth of

A powerful new trading cities

B new religions

C new empires only

D nothing

Solution 3.2

Method: The chain

A powerful new trading cities



B new religions

C new empires only

D nothing

Worked steps

A. the CED's own phrase.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A merchant can deposit money in one city and draw it in another.

- (a) Name the innovation.
- (b) Explain why it increases the volume of trade.

Solution 3.3

Method: The chain

Worked steps

(a) forms of credit **B1**. (b) the merchant need not carry valuables across the route **B1**, which lowers the risk and cost of each journey **B1**.