

Exercise walk-through

Empires Expand ■ 3.1

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You must be able to

- state the CED's technological explanation of imperial expansion
- name the four land empires and their regions
- explain what 'in both hemispheres' adds
- state what led to rivalries between states

Method — The explanation

Imperial expansion **relied on the increased use of gunpowder, cannons and armed trade** to establish large empires in both hemispheres. Note the third item: armed trade is a commercial method as much as a military one.

Method — Four empires

The **Manchu** in Central and East Asia; the **Mughal** in South and Central Asia; the **Ottoman** in Southern Europe, the Middle East and North Africa; and the **Safavids** in the Middle East.

Method — Both hemispheres

The same technological basis produced empires in the Americas as well as Eurasia. The CED is denying that gunpowder empire-building was a regional peculiarity.

Method — Rivalries

Political and religious disputes led to rivalries and conflict between states. 3.3 supplies the religious half — the Ottoman-Safavid rivalry intensified the Sunni-Shi'a split.

Practice 2.1 ■ 3 marks

State the CED's technological explanation and name its three elements.

Solution 2.1

Worked steps

expansion relied on increased use of gunpowder **B1**, cannons **B1** and armed trade **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Name the four land empires with one region each.

Solution 2.2

Method: Four empires

Worked steps

Manchu — Central and East Asia; Mughal — South and Central Asia; Ottoman — Southern Europe, Middle East, North Africa; Safavid — Middle East [B2](#).

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

“Armed trade” appears beside gunpowder and cannons.

- (a) State why it is unlike the other two.
- (b) State what led to rivalries between these states.

Solution 2.3

Method: The explanation

Worked steps

(a) it is a commercial method as well as a military one **B1**. (b) political and religious disputes **B2**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The Safavid Empire is located in

- A** East Asia
- B** the Middle East
- C** North America
- D** Southern Africa

Solution 3.1

- A** East Asia
- B** the Middle East
- C** North America
- D** Southern Africa



Worked steps

- B.** the CED places them in the Middle East.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

“In both hemispheres” denies that gunpowder empire-building was

- A** effective
- B** a regional peculiarity
- C** expensive
- D** technological

Solution 3.2

Method: Both hemispheres

A effective

B a regional peculiarity



C expensive

D technological

Worked steps

B. it happened in both hemispheres.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

Two empires with the same weapons go to war over doctrine.

- (a) Name the pair the CED implies.
- (b) Explain why shared technology does not prevent conflict.

Solution 3.3

Method: Both hemispheres

Worked steps

(a) the Ottomans and the Safavids **B1**. (b) technology decides how a war is fought, not whether one occurs **B1**; the causes the CED gives are political and religious **B1**.