

Exercise walk-through

Empires: Administration ■ 3.2

eXercise

You must be able to

- distinguish legitimising from consolidating
- name the two human instruments of centralised control
- name the three cultural means of legitimation
- name the three revenue methods

Method — Two different jobs

Legitimise: persuade subjects the rule is rightful. **Consolidate:** make the rule effective. The CED's objective names both, and different methods do each.

Method — Human instruments

Recruitment and use of bureaucratic elites, as well as **the development of military professionals**, became more common among rulers who wanted to maintain centralised control over their populations and resources.

Method — Cultural means

Rulers **continued to use religious ideas, art and monumental architecture** to legitimise their rule. “Continued” makes this the continuity in a subtopic about change.

Method — Revenue

Tribute collection, tax farming and innovative tax-collection systems — used to generate revenue **in order to forward state power and expansion**. Revenue is a means, not the goal.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

Distinguish legitimising from consolidating.

Solution 2.1

Worked steps

legitimising persuades subjects the rule is rightful **B1**; consolidating makes the rule effective **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 3 marks

Name the three cultural means of legitimation.

Solution 2.2

Method: Cultural means

Worked steps

religious ideas **B1**; art **B1**; monumental architecture **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 3 marks

Rulers raised revenue by three methods.

- (a) Name them.
- (b) State the purpose the CED gives.

Solution 2.3

Worked steps

(a) tribute collection; tax farming; innovative tax-collection systems **B3**. (b) to forward state power and expansion **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The word “continued” marks the cultural means as

A a break with the past

B a continuity

C an invention

D a failure

Solution 3.1

Method: Cultural means

A a break with the past

B a continuity 

C an invention

D a failure

Worked steps

B. the CED's own word.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Revenue is described as serving

- A** no purpose
- B** state power and expansion
- C** private wealth only
- D** religious institutions only

Solution 3.2

- A no purpose
- B state power and expansion**
- C private wealth only
- D religious institutions only



Worked steps

- B. revenue is a means to power and expansion.**

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 2 marks

A ruler builds a great mosque and hires a professional army in the same decade.

- (a) State which act does which job.
- (b) Explain why a ruler needs both.

Solution 3.3

Worked steps

(a) the mosque legitimises; the army consolidates **B2**. (b) force without acceptance is costly to maintain, and acceptance without force cannot enforce a decision **B1**.