

Exercise walk-through

Changing Social Hierarchies from 1450 to 1750 ■ 4.7

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You must be able to

- state the two opposite policies empires adopted towards diversity
- name the two examples of new elites the CED gives
- state what happened to existing elites
- explain why accommodation can be a strategy rather than tolerance

Method — Two policies

Many states, such as the Mughal and Ottoman empires, **adopted practices to accommodate the ethnic and religious diversity of their subjects or to utilise the economic, political and military contributions of different groups. In other cases, states suppressed diversity or limited certain groups' roles** in society, politics or the economy.

Method — New elites

Imperial conquests and widening global economic opportunities contributed to the formation of new political and economic elites, **including in China with the transition to the Qing Dynasty and in the Americas with the rise of the Casta system.**

Method — Existing elites

Their power **fluctuated** as they confronted new challenges to their ability to affect the policies of increasingly powerful monarchs and leaders. Fluctuated, not simply declined.

Method — Accommodation as strategy

The CED's own phrasing puts accommodation beside **utilising contributions**. A state may accept diversity because the groups concerned are useful, which is a policy rather than a value.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State the two opposite policies empires adopted.

Solution 2.1

Method: Two policies

Worked steps

accommodating diversity or utilising different groups' contributions **B1**; suppressing diversity or limiting certain groups' roles **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Name the two examples of new elites.

Solution 2.2

Worked steps

the transition to the Qing Dynasty in China **B1**; the rise of the Casta system in the Americas **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

Accommodation appears beside “utilise contributions”.

- (a) State what this suggests about the motive.
- (b) State the CED's verb for what happened to existing elites.

Solution 2.3

Method: Accommodation as strategy

Worked steps

(a) that the state may accept diversity because the groups are useful **B1**. (b) fluctuated **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The Casta system arose in

- A** the Americas
- B** China
- C** the Ottoman Empire
- D** West Africa

Solution 3.1

Method: New elites

A the Americas



B China

C the Ottoman Empire

D West Africa

Worked steps

A. the CED locates it there.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Existing elites' power is described as

A steadily rising

B fluctuating

C unchanged

D abolished

Solution 3.2

Method: Existing elites

A steadily rising

B fluctuating



C unchanged

D abolished

Worked steps

B. fluctuated is the CED's word.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

An empire recruits officials from a religious minority.

- (a) State which of the two policies this is.
- (b) Explain why this need not indicate tolerance.

Solution 3.3

Method: Two policies

Worked steps

(a) accommodation **B1**. (b) the CED pairs accommodation with utilising contributions **B1**, so the policy may follow from the group's usefulness rather than from a principle **B1**.