

Exercise walk-through

Rationales for Imperialism from 1750 to 1900 ■ 6.1

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You must be able to

- name the four ideologies the CED lists
- state the CED's careful verb about them
- distinguish a justification from a cause
- explain why studying a justification is not endorsing it

Method — Four ideologies

A range of cultural, religious and racial ideologies were used to justify imperialism, including **Social Darwinism, nationalism, the concept of the civilising mission, and the desire to religiously convert indigenous populations.**

Method — The verb

They **were used to justify**. The CED does not say they caused imperialism; it says they were the reasons given for it — which is a claim about rhetoric, and it is deliberate.

Method — Justification and cause

A **cause** explains why something happened; a **justification** explains how it was defended. 6.4 and 6.5 supply economic causes; 6.1 supplies the language used about them.

Method — Studying, not endorsing

Naming a justification accurately — including a racial one — is describing what was said. The historian's task is to report the argument and then examine what it concealed.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

Name the four ideologies the CED lists.

Solution 2.1

Method: Four ideologies

Worked steps

Social Darwinism; nationalism; the civilising mission; the desire to religiously convert indigenous populations **B2**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Distinguish a justification from a cause.

Solution 2.2

Method: Justification and cause

Worked steps

a cause explains why something happened **B1**; a justification explains how it was defended **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

The CED says the ideologies “were used to justify”.

- (a) State what this claim is about.
- (b) State where the economic causes are found.

Solution 2.3

Method: The verb

Worked steps

(a) the reasons given for imperialism, that is its rhetoric **B1**. (b) 6.4's demand for raw materials and food **B1** and 6.5's economic imperialism **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The concept of the civilising mission is

A an economic cause

B a justification

C a technology

D a treaty

Solution 3.1

Method: Four ideologies

A an economic cause

B a justification 

C a technology

D a treaty

Worked steps

B. a justification.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Social Darwinism belongs to the CED's

- A** cultural, religious and racial ideologies
- B** transport technologies
- C** labour systems
- D** migration patterns

Solution 3.2

Method: Four ideologies

A cultural, religious and racial ideologies



B transport technologies

C labour systems

D migration patterns

Worked steps

A. the CED's own grouping.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A government explains a conquest as a duty to improve the conquered.

- (a) State what kind of claim this is.
- (b) Explain what a historian should do with it.

Solution 3.3

Worked steps

(a) a justification **B1**. (b) report it accurately as what was said **B1** and examine what it concealed about the actual causes **B1**.