

Exercise walk-through

End of the Cold War ■ 8.8

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You must be able to

- name the three causes the CED gives
- state the two outcomes
- explain why the causes are of different kinds
- state what 'costly and ultimately failed' contributes

Method — Three causes

Advances in U.S. military and technological development; the Soviet Union's costly and ultimately failed invasion of Afghanistan; and public discontent and economic weakness in communist countries.

Method — Two outcomes

They **led to the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Soviet Union**. Two distinct events, and the CED names both.

Method — Different kinds

One external and technological, one military, one internal and economic. A collapse explained by any single kind of cause is thinner than the CED's account.

Method — The qualifiers

“Costly and ultimately failed” does two jobs: it explains the drain on resources and it denies any compensating gain. Both halves matter for the argument.

Practice 2.1 ■ 3 marks

Name the three causes.

Solution 2.1

Method: Three causes

Worked steps

advances in U.S. military and technological development (B1); the costly and failed Soviet invasion of Afghanistan (B1); public discontent and economic weakness in communist countries (B1).

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State the two outcomes.

Solution 2.2

Worked steps

the end of the Cold War **B1**; the collapse of the Soviet Union **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 3 marks

The causes are of different kinds.

(a) Classify each.

(b) State what “costly and ultimately failed” contributes.

Solution 2.3

Method: Three causes

Worked steps

(a) external and technological; military; internal and economic **B3**. (b) it names both the drain on resources and the absence of any compensating gain **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The invasion the CED names is of

A Afghanistan

B Poland

C Korea

D Cuba

Solution 3.1

A Afghanistan



B Poland

C Korea

D Cuba

Worked steps

A. Afghanistan.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

The CED names as outcomes the end of the Cold War and

A the collapse of the Soviet Union

B the founding of NATO

C the Partition of India

D the Great Leap Forward

Solution 3.2

Method: Two outcomes

A the collapse of the Soviet Union



B the founding of NATO

C the Partition of India

D the Great Leap Forward

Worked steps

A. both outcomes are named.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A student explains the Soviet collapse by economic weakness alone.

- (a) State what is missing.
- (b) Explain why the CED gives three kinds of cause.

Solution 3.3

Worked steps

(a) the external technological pressure and the military failure **B1**. (b) the three interact — pressure raised the cost of competing while weakness reduced the capacity to meet it **B1**, so one alone does not account for the outcome **B1**.