

## 2.4 Trans-Saharan Trade Routes

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### Objective

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Build the skills to explain **trans-Saharan trade** 跨撒哈拉贸易.

You must be able to:

- state the CED's cause of trans-Saharan growth
- name the empire the CED gives and its effect
- explain why the route is an achievement of technology and organisation
- connect this subtopic to 1.5

### 1 Worked examples

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Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

#### ■ The cause

The growth of interregional trade was encouraged by **innovations in existing transportation technologies**, and improved transportation and commercial practices increased volume and range, **including the trans-Saharan trade network**.

#### ■ Mali

The expansion of empires —**including Mali in West Africa**—facilitated Afro-Eurasian trade and communication as new people were drawn into the economies and trade networks.

#### ■ Why an achievement

Crossing a desert requires an animal that can do it, a route with water, and an organisation that can finance and protect the caravan. The CED's 'innovations in existing technologies' covers all three.

#### ■ Link to 1.5

1.5 said African state systems expanded in scope and reach. 2.4 shows one way that happened: an empire astride a trade route grows with the traffic it protects.

### 2 Practice

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**2.1** State the CED's cause of trans-Saharan growth. [2]

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**2.2** State the effect of Mali's expansion. [2]

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**2.3** Crossing a desert requires more than a route.

(a) Name three requirements. [3]

(b) State the link to 1.5. [1]

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### 3 Exam-style questions

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**3.1** The CED attributes the growth to innovations in [1]

- **A** entirely new technologies
- **B** existing transportation technologies
- **C** military technologies
- **D** agricultural technologies

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**3.2** Mali is located in [1]

- **A** East Africa
- **B** West Africa
- **C** North Africa
- **D** Southern Africa

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**3.3** An empire sits astride a trade route.

(a) State what it can supply. [1]

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(b) Explain how this makes the empire and the route grow together. [2]

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#### 4 Go further

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- work through the **2.4 Trans-Saharan Trade Routes** lesson on the **Learn** page;
- read the **Networks of Exchange** section of the AP World History handout on the **Know** page.

## Solutions

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**2.1** innovations in existing transportation technologies, which increased volume and geographical range.

**2.2** it facilitated Afro-Eurasian trade and communication as new people were drawn into the economies and trade networks.

**2.3** (a) an animal able to cross; a route with water; an organisation able to finance and protect the caravan. (b) 1.5's claim that African state systems expanded in scope and reach.

**3.1 B.** existing technologies, improved.

**3.2 B.** the CED specifies West Africa.

**3.3** (a) protection, water access and a market. (b) traffic makes the route valuable and the empire richer, and the richer empire can protect more traffic.