

2.7 Comparison of Economic Exchange

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• credit 信贷

Objective

Build the skills to **compare networks** 比较交换网络.

You must be able to:

- state the two key concepts this subtopic gathers
- name a similarity across the Silk Roads, Indian Ocean and trans-Saharan networks
- name a difference and its basis
- state what the CED says changes in trade networks stimulated

1 Worked examples

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

■ Two key concepts

KC-3.1: a deepening and widening of networks of human interaction contributed to cultural, technological and biological diffusion. **KC-3.3:** changes in trade networks resulted from **and stimulated** increasing productive capacity.

■ A similarity

All three networks grew through innovations in **existing** transportation and commercial technologies, and all three promoted new trading cities or fostered states.

■ A difference

The environment each had to solve. The Indian Ocean network depended on monsoon knowledge; the trans-Saharan on desert crossing; the Silk Roads on overland lodging and credit. The basis of comparison is the obstacle each network overcame.

■ Both directions

Trade networks **resulted from and stimulated** productive capacity. Production and exchange each cause the other, so an answer that makes one purely the effect of the other has flattened the CED's claim.

2 Practice

2.1 State the CED's two-directional claim about trade and production. [2]

2.2 Name a similarity across the three networks. [2]

2.3 Compare the three networks on the obstacle each overcame.

(a) State each obstacle. [3]

(b) State the basis of comparison. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 The CED says trade networks resulted from and [1]

- **A** prevented production
- **B** stimulated productive capacity
- **C** ignored production
- **D** replaced production

3.2 KC-3.1's diffusion is cultural, technological and [1]

- **A** military
- **B** biological
- **C** legal
- **D** artistic only

3.3 Write a comparison of the Indian Ocean and trans-Saharan networks. [4]

Solutions

2.1 changes in trade networks resulted from increasing productive capacity and stimulated it.

2.2 all grew through innovations in existing transportation and commercial technologies and promoted new trading cities or fostered states.

2.3 (a) Indian Ocean: the monsoon and open water; trans-Saharan: the desert crossing; Silk Roads: overland distance requiring lodging and credit. (b) the obstacle each network had to overcome.

3.1 B. both directions.

3.2 B. biological diffusion is 2.6's material.

3.3 a basis of comparison stated; a similarity with evidence; a difference with evidence; a sentence relating them rather than describing each in turn.