

8.9 Causation in the Age of the Cold War and Decolonization

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• proxy wars 代理人战争 • warsaw pact 华沙条约组织 • nato 北约

Objective

Build the skills to judge **similarity of effects** 影响的相似程度.

You must be able to:

- state what an 'extent to which effects were similar' question asks
- name a shared effect across hemispheres
- name a difference and its basis
- state a limit on the judgment

1 Worked examples

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

■ The question

“Explain the **extent to which** the effects of the Cold War were similar in the Eastern and Western Hemispheres” asks for a judgment with a degree, not a list of effects.

■ A shared effect

Both hemispheres saw superpower alignment shape domestic politics, and both saw proxy conflicts — the CED locates proxy wars in Latin America, Africa and Asia, so no hemisphere is exempt.

■ A difference

The presence of the formal alliances. NATO and the Warsaw Pact structured Europe directly, while in much of Asia, Africa and Latin America the same rivalry was conducted through proxy wars within states. The basis of comparison is the form the rivalry took.

■ A limit

The CED does not claim uniformity, and neither should an answer. The Non-Aligned Movement is the CED’s own evidence that some states resisted alignment entirely.

2 Practice

2.1 State what this kind of question asks for. [2]

2.2 Name a shared effect across hemispheres. [2]

2.3 Name a difference and limit the judgment.

(a) State the difference and its basis. [2]

(b) State the CED’s own evidence for a limit. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 An “extent to which... similar” answer must contain [1]

- **A** a list of effects
- **B** a judgment with a degree
- **C** a chronology
- **D** a definition only

3.2 The CED’s evidence that some states resisted alignment is [1]

- **A** NATO
- **B** the Non-Aligned Movement
- **C** the Warsaw Pact
- **D** the Great Leap Forward

3.3 Write a paragraph judging how similar the Cold War's effects were in two regions.^[4]

Solutions

2.1 a judgment with a degree of similarity rather than a list of effects.

2.2 superpower alignment shaped domestic politics in both, and proxy conflicts occurred in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

2.3 (a) formal alliances structured Europe directly while elsewhere the rivalry ran through proxy wars within states; the basis is the form the rivalry took. (b) the Non-Aligned Movement.

3.1 B. a judgment with a degree.

3.2 B. the Non-Aligned Movement.

3.3 a judgment of similarity stated; a shared effect with evidence; a difference with evidence; the judgment limited rather than claiming uniformity.