

2.4 Trans-Saharan Trade Routes

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Objective

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

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

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

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

2.3 Crossing a desert requires more than a route.

(a) Name three requirements. [3]

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

3 Exam-style questions

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

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

3.2 Mali is located in [1]

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

3.3 An empire sits astride a trade route.

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

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