

2.5 Cultural Consequences of Connectivity

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Objective

Build the skills to explain the **cultural effects** 文化影响 of exchange.

You must be able to:

- name the four kinds of thing the CED says diffused
- state the CED's claim about the fate of cities
- explain what travel writing is evidence of
- state why 'varied greatly' resists a single story

1 Worked examples

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

■ Four diffusions

Increased cross-cultural interactions resulted in the diffusion of **literary, artistic and cultural traditions, as well as scientific and technological innovations**. Two aesthetic, one broad, one technical.

■ Cities

The fate of cities **varied greatly**, with periods of significant decline and periods of increased urbanisation, **buoyed by rising productivity and expanding trade networks**. Decline and growth in the same claim.

■ Travel writing

As exchange networks intensified, **an increasing number of travellers within Afro-Eurasia wrote about their travels**. The writing is both a consequence of connection and the evidence historians use for it.

■ 'Varied greatly'

The CED declines a single trajectory for cities. An answer saying urbanisation simply rose has replaced a careful claim with a simpler one.

2 Practice

2.1 Name the four kinds of thing that diffused. [2]

2.2 State the CED's claim about the fate of cities. [2]

2.3 Travellers wrote about their journeys.

(a) State the two things this writing is. [2]

(b) State what “varied greatly” refuses. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Urbanisation in this period is described as [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A steadily rising
 - B varying greatly, with decline and growth
 - C steadily falling
 - D unchanged

3.2 Rising urbanisation is attributed to productivity and [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A expanding trade networks
 - B military conquest
 - C falling population
 - D religious revival

3.3 A traveller's account survives from the fourteenth century.

(a) State what its existence indicates. [1]

(b) Explain the historian's double use of it. [2]
