

2.7 Comparison of Economic Exchange

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KEY WORDS compare networks 比较交换网络 • silk roads 丝绸之路 • diffusion 传播
• 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]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- 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]

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

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