

6.5 Economic Imperialism from 1750 to 1900

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KEY WORDS economic imperialism 经济帝国主义

Objective

Build the skills to explain **economic imperialism** 经济帝国主义.

You must be able to:

- state where economic imperialism was practised
- state who practised it
- explain how commodity trade produced advantage
- distinguish economic imperialism from formal empire

1 Worked examples

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

■ Where

Industrialised states and businesses within those states practised economic imperialism **primarily in Asia and Latin America**.

■ Who

States and businesses within those states. The CED names both, so an answer treating this as purely governmental has dropped half of it.

■ The mechanism

Trade in some commodities was organised in a way that gave merchants and companies based in Europe and the U.S. a distinct economic advantage. The advantage is in the organisation of the trade, not in the goods.

■ Not formal empire

Economic imperialism operates without annexation. A country may keep its own government and still find its terms of trade set abroad, which is why the CED gives it a separate subtopic.

2 Practice

2.1 State where economic imperialism was practised and by whom. [2]

2.2 State where the CED locates the advantage. [2]

2.3 Economic imperialism differs from formal empire.

(a) State the difference. [2]

(b) State why it gets its own subtopic. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Economic imperialism was practised primarily in [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** Asia and Latin America
B Northern Europe
C Australia
D the Arctic

3.2 The distinct economic advantage lay in [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** the goods themselves
B the way the trade was organised
C military occupation
D religious conversion

3.3 A country keeps its own government and its export prices are set abroad.

(a) State what this describes. [1]

(b) Explain why formal independence does not settle the question. [2]
