

8.1 Setting the Stage for the Cold War and Decolonization

Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Total: 12 marks

KEY WORDS shifted the global balance of power 全球权力平衡

- technological and economic gains 技术与经济收益
- increasing anti-imperialist sentiment 反帝情绪
- context 背景

Objective

Build the skills to write the **context** 背景 for 1945.

You must be able to:

- state the contrast the CED draws between 1918 and 1945
- state what shifted the global balance of power
- explain what 'largely unfulfilled' claims
- state why the two threads belong in one unit

1 Worked examples

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

■ The contrast

Hopes for greater self-government were largely unfulfilled following World War I; however, in the years following World War II, increasing anti-imperialist sentiment contributed to the dissolution of empires and the restructuring of states. One sentence with a hinge in the middle.

■ 'Largely unfulfilled'

Not entirely: some demands were met, most were not. The word carries the disappointment that made the postwar sentiment stronger.

■ The balance of power

Technological and economic gains experienced during World War II by the victorious nations shifted the global balance of power. The victors gained more than territory: they gained capacity.

■ Two threads, one unit

Decolonisation and the Cold War share a cause — the wartime shift in capacity — and each shaped the other, since new states were courted by both superpowers.

2 Practice

2.1 State the contrast the CED draws between the two postwar moments. [2]

2.2 State what shifted the global balance of power. [2]

2.3 Two threads share a unit.

(a) State their shared cause. [1]

(b) Explain how each shaped the other. [2]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 After World War I, hopes for self-government were [1]

A	B
C	D

A fully met

B largely unfulfilled

C never expressed

D abolished

3.2 The gains that shifted the balance of power were [1]

A	B
C	D

A technological and economic

B purely territorial

C religious

D demographic only

3.3 A new state emerges into a world with two competing superpowers.

(a) State what this means for its choices. [1]

(b) Explain why decolonisation and the Cold War cannot be separated. [2]
