

Exercise walk-through

The European Union ■ 9.10

eXercise

You must be able to

- state what European states began to set aside and in favour of what
- explain the force of 'continue to balance'
- compare the EU's method with the Congress of Vienna's
- explain the effect on identity

Method — Set aside

European states began to **set aside** nationalist rivalries in favour of economic and political integration, forming a series of transnational unions that grew in size and scope over the second half of the century. “Set aside” is a choice, not a disappearance.

Method — 'Continue to balance'

EU member nations **continue to balance** questions of national sovereignty with the responsibilities of membership. The present tense declines to say the question is settled.

Method — Vienna and the EU

5.7's Congress tried to **contain** the danger of nationalistic upheaval by agreement between powers. The EU addresses the same danger by making rivalry costly to act on. Two hundred years, one problem, two answers.

Method — Identity

A person may hold a national identity and a European one, and the balancing sentence is the political form of holding both.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State what was set aside and in favour of what.

Solution 2.1

Method: Set aside

Worked steps

nationalist rivalries **B1**; economic and political integration **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Explain the force of “continue to balance”.

Solution 2.2

Method: 'Continue to balance'

Worked steps

the present tense declines to say the question is settled **B1**, so the union is a standing negotiation rather than a finished arrangement **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

Vienna and the EU address the same danger.

- (a) State the danger.
- (b) State each one's method.

Solution 2.3

Method: Vienna and the EU

Worked steps

(a) revolutionary or nationalistic upheaval **B1**. (b) Vienna: containment by agreement between powers **B1**; the EU: making rivalry costly to act on **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

“Set aside” indicates that the rivalries

- A** disappeared
- B** remain, but states choose not to act on them
- C** were outlawed
- D** were exported

Solution 3.1

Method: Set aside

- A disappeared
- B remain, but states choose not to act on them 
- C were outlawed
- D were exported

Worked steps

B. a choice, not a disappearance.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

The CED's tense about sovereignty and membership indicates the question is

- A** settled
- B** ongoing
- C** abolished
- D** foreign

Solution 3.2

Method: 'Continue to balance'

A settled

B ongoing 

C abolished

D foreign

Worked steps

B. it continues.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

Two states bind their coal and steel production together.

- (a) State the effect on the possibility of war between them.
- (b) Explain why this differs from Vienna's method.

Solution 3.3

Method: Vienna and the EU

Worked steps

(a) war would first require dismantling something both need **B1**. (b) Vienna policed the danger from outside **B1**, while integration removes the incentive from inside **B1**.