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Q.1 Make a Précis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title:

Generally, European trains still stop at borders to change locomotives and staff. This is often necessary. The German and French voltage system are incompatible. Spain—though not Portugal—has a broad gauge track. English bridges are lower than elsewhere, and passengers on German trains would need a ladder to reach French Platforms twice as high as their own. But those physical constraints pale in comparison to an even more formidable barrier national chauvinism. While officials in Brussels strive for an integrated and efficiently run rail network to relieve the French, Germany and Italy are working feverishly to develop their expensive and mutually incompatible high-speed trains.

Incompatibility of European Railway System and Nationalism

There are many technical differences in the railway system of European countries. However, it is their national prejudice that hinders the development of an integrated railway network. Their national interests drive them to invest in mutually incompatible infrastructure instead of a unified one.

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