

Study Aids

1. Make a precis 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 systems 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 Continent's gorged roads and airways, and cut down on pollution, three member countries -- France, Germany and Italy -- are working feverishly to develop their own expensive and mutually incompatible high-speed trains.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end as briefly as possible (into 2 lines each)

"Heads of Government attending the London economic summit will have no excuses if they fail to curb the level of arms exports. A new definitive

European Transport System

European trains take break at each border. All countries have uniqueness as English bridges.

Therefore, national chauvinism has also seen. However, officials decide to construct flawless transport system and France, Germany and Italy are collectively developing high-speed trains.

Total words of original paragraph = 120

Precis words = 40

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main idea is picked and discussed
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