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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.

Précis:

NATIONALISM; A THREAT TO EU'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM

The European train system suffers from many technical challenges in its journey from state to state. But the biggest challenge it faces is by the lack of interest in joint development for the benefit of all due to nationalistic agendas.