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Social Science (087)

ANSWER KEY

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SELECTIONS USED

Subject	Social Science
Lessons	1 The Rise of Nationalism in Europe
Level of understanding	Thorough understanding
Question selection	Curated chapter coverage (~5 questions per section + 8 synthesis)
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Composition — Difficulty: 3 straightforward · 32 medium · 22 deep | Types: 35 Short · 11 Long · 9 MCQ · 2 Very short

Q1. medium thorough-understanding § Introduction

[3]

In Frédéric Sorrieu's 1848 allegorical print, the United States and Switzerland are among the nations placed at the front of the procession. What does this positioning reveal about the kind of political ideal Sorrieu was celebrating, and why would these two countries serve as symbols of that ideal for European liberals of 1848?

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Model Answer

The positioning of the United States and Switzerland at the front reveals that Sorrieu was celebrating the ideal of democratic republicanism and liberal nationalism — the belief that nations should be governed by elected, constitutional governments free from monarchical absolutism.

These two countries were fitting symbols because, by 1848, both already existed as functioning nation-states with republican, democratic constitutions. For European liberals still struggling against autocratic monarchies, the USA and Switzerland represented living proof that self-governing, democratic republics were achievable — making them inspiring models of the political order Sorrieu envisioned for all nations.

Source: Chapter 1 – The Rise of Nationalism in Europe, Introduction (Sorrieu's print)

Explanation

- The key phrase from the passage is "by this time were already nation-states" — this is why they lead the procession.
- Examiners want you to connect the **positioning** → **political ideal** (democratic republics) → **why these two specifically** (already functioning republics, proof of concept for European liberals).
- Don't just describe the print; **analyse** what the positioning *means*. That analytical step is what earns marks.
- Keep the USA–Switzerland link to "already established nation-states with republican governments" — that's the textbook reasoning.

Q2. straightforward thorough-understanding § Introduction

[1]

Ernst Renan argued that a nation is not formed by a common language, race, religion, or territory. According to him, what actually binds people into a nation?

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Model Answer

According to Ernst Renan, a nation is bound together by shared glories and sacrifices in the past, a common will in the present, and the daily collective desire to live together — a "daily plebiscite."

Source: Chapter 1, *Nationalism in Europe*, Section on Renan's idea of the nation.

Explanation

The examiner expects you to identify Renan's core idea: it is shared memory (past glories/sacrifices) and a present collective will (daily plebiscite) that forms a nation — not race, language, or religion. Use the phrase "daily plebiscite" if possible; it shows you've read the source carefully and earns the mark.

Q3. deep thorough-understanding § Introduction

[3]

Renan described a nation's existence as 'a daily plebiscite.' What did he mean by this, and how does this idea challenge the view that national identity is simply inherited through birth into a particular ethnic or linguistic group?

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Model Answer

Ernst Renan's phrase "a daily plebiscite" means that a nation exists not as a fixed, permanent entity but as a continuous choice — its people must constantly wish to live together and renew their sense of belonging every day.

This challenges the idea that national identity is simply inherited through birth, ethnicity, or language. Renan argues that a nation is built on shared glories, common will, and collective sacrifice — not on race or mother tongue. Thus, national identity is an active, ongoing commitment, not a passive biological inheritance.

Source: Chapter 1 — *The Rise of Nationalism in Europe*, Source A (Ernst Renan, 'What is a Nation?')

Explanation

- The key phrase examiners look for is the **voluntary/active nature** of nationhood — "daily plebiscite" = daily renewal of consent.
- Contrast it clearly with **ethnic/linguistic determinism** (Herder's view) to show the challenge.
- Quote or closely paraphrase Renan's criteria: **common glories, common will, shared sacrifice** — these are earned, not inherited.
- Keep the two parts distinct: (1) what the phrase means, (2) how it challenges inherited identity.

Q4. medium thorough-understanding § Introduction

[1]

A nation-state differs from a multi-national dynastic empire in a fundamental way. Which of the following best captures that difference?

Options: (A) A nation-state is always larger in territory than a dynastic empire. (B) In a nation-state, the majority of citizens share a sense of common identity and history, not just allegiance to a ruler. (C) A nation-state is governed by an absolute monarch, while a dynastic empire is governed by an elected parliament. (D) A nation-state must have a single official religion, whereas a dynastic empire tolerates many religions.

A A nation-state is always larger in territory than a dynastic empire.

B In a nation-state, the majority of citizens share a sense of common identity and history, not just allegiance to a ruler.

C A nation-state is governed by an absolute monarch, while a dynastic empire is governed by an elected parliament.

D A nation-state must have a single official religion, whereas a dynastic empire tolerates many religions.

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Model Answer

(B) In a nation-state, the majority of citizens share a sense of common identity and history, not just allegiance to a ruler.

Explanation

The textbook contrasts the Habsburg dynastic empire — where "the only tie binding these diverse groups together was a common allegiance to the emperor" — with a nation-state, where people share collective identity, common culture, and history. Options A, C, and D are factually incorrect generalisations not supported by the chapter.

Q5. medium thorough-understanding § 1 The French Revolution and the Idea of the Nation

[3]

[short answer] The French Revolution transferred sovereignty from the monarchy to the body of French citizens. Analyse how this shift fundamentally changed the nature of political authority and the relationship between the state and its people.

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Model Answer

Before the French Revolution, sovereignty rested with the absolute monarch. The Revolution transferred this sovereignty to French citizens, fundamentally changing political authority in the following ways:

1. **People as the nation:** The revolution proclaimed that it was the people who would constitute the nation and shape its destiny.
2. **Equal rights and citizenship:** Ideas of *la patrie* (fatherland) and *le citoyen* (citizen) emphasised a united community enjoying equal rights under a constitution.
3. **Uniform laws and administration:** A centralised administrative system was established with uniform laws for all citizens, abolishing internal customs duties and regional distinctions.

Thus, the state now derived its authority from the people, making citizens active participants rather than mere subjects of the monarch.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 1 – The French Revolution and the Idea of the Nation

Explanation

- The examiner expects three clear points: transfer of sovereignty, new concept of citizenship, and uniform laws/administration.
- Use textbook terms like *la patrie*, *le citoyen*, and "sovereignty" to score full marks.
- Avoid writing a long essay — three focused points with brief explanation is ideal for 3 marks.
- Always connect back to the core idea: **authority shifted from monarch → people/citizens.**

Q6. medium thorough-understanding § 1 The French Revolution and the Idea of the Nation

[3]

[short answer] During the French Revolution, the concepts of 'la patrie' (the fatherland) and 'le citoyen' (the citizen) replaced older forms of political allegiance. Analyse how these ideas helped create a new sense of collective national identity among the French people.

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Model Answer

The concepts of *la patrie* (the fatherland) and *le citoyen* (the citizen) shifted political loyalty from the monarchy to the nation and its people. These ideas emphasised a united community of citizens enjoying equal rights under a constitution. To reinforce this identity, the revolutionaries introduced a new tricolour flag, composed new national hymns, took collective oaths, and commemorated martyrs in the nation's name. A centralised administration, uniform laws, a common system of weights and measures, and the promotion of a single French language further unified the people, replacing regional and dynastic allegiances with a shared national consciousness.

Source: Chapter 1 — The Rise of Nationalism in Europe, Section 1: The French Revolution and the Idea of the Nation

Explanation

- The examiner expects you to **directly link** *la patrie* and *le citoyen* to the transfer of sovereignty from monarch to citizens.
- Then list **specific measures** (flag, hymns, oaths, uniform laws, language) — these earn the marks.
- Avoid vague phrases like "people felt united"; name the actual practices from the textbook.
- At 3 marks, 2–3 crisp points with brief explanation each is the right length. Do not write an essay.

Q7. medium thorough-understanding § 1 The French Revolution and the Idea of the Nation

[1]

Which of the following measures introduced during the French Revolution was primarily aimed at creating economic unity rather than symbolic or political unity among French citizens?

- A Composing new national hymns and commemorating martyrs
- B Replacing the royal standard with the tricolour flag
- C Abolishing internal customs duties and adopting a uniform system of weights and measures
- D Renaming the Estates General as the National Assembly

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Model Answer

C — Abolishing internal customs duties and adopting a uniform system of weights and measures was aimed at creating **economic unity**, enabling free movement of goods across France.

Explanation

The textbook explicitly lists the abolition of internal customs duties and adoption of uniform weights/measures as measures of the French Revolution. The other options — tricolour, National Assembly, hymns/martyrs — were symbolic or political measures. Examiners expect students to distinguish between economic and political/symbolic reforms.

Q8. medium thorough-understanding § 1 The French Revolution and the Idea of the Nation

[3]

The Napoleonic Code abolished privileges based on birth and established equality before the law. Despite these progressive changes, why did local populations in conquered territories eventually turn hostile toward French rule?

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Model Answer

Initially, people welcomed the Napoleonic reforms as they abolished feudal privileges, established equality before law, and freed peasants from serfdom. However, they soon turned hostile due to the following reasons:

1. **Increased taxation** imposed by Napoleon to fund his military campaigns.
2. **Compulsory military service** (conscription) was enforced on conquered peoples.
3. **Censorship and restriction of political freedoms** — the administrative changes brought little political liberty.
4. The French were seen as **foreign rulers** imposing their control, which sparked nationalist sentiments among local populations.

Thus, what began as liberation soon felt like foreign domination, generating resistance.

Source: Chapter 1 — The Rise of Nationalism in Europe, Section 1 (French Revolution and the Idea of the Nation)

Explanation

The examiner expects you to go beyond the "benefits" of the Napoleonic Code and explain the **contradiction** — that despite reforms, French rule bred resentment. The three key reasons examiners look for are: **heavy taxation, forced conscription, and the feeling of foreign/colonial rule** suppressing local cultures and freedoms. Mentioning all three earns full marks. Avoid writing a general essay — keep points crisp and connected to the question's "why hostile?" focus.

Q9. deep thorough-understanding § 1 The French Revolution and the Idea of the Nation

[5]

Napoleon is often described as both a destroyer and a carrier of the ideals of the French Revolution. Justify this seemingly contradictory description with specific evidence.

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Model Answer

Napoleon was both a destroyer and a carrier of the French Revolution's ideals — a contradiction explained by his actions in different spheres.

As a destroyer:

- He restored monarchy in France, thereby destroying the democratic republic established by the Revolution.
- The Napoleonic Code reduced women to the status of minors, subject to fathers and husbands, reversing revolutionary gains for women.
- Universal suffrage was rolled back to limited, property-based suffrage.

As a carrier:

- The Civil Code of 1804 abolished privileges based on birth, established equality before the law, and secured the right to property.
- He abolished the feudal system and freed peasants from serfdom and manorial dues in Holland, Switzerland, Italy, and Germany.
- Guild restrictions were removed; transport and communication systems were improved.
- Revolutionary administrative principles were applied to create a more rational, efficient system across conquered territories.

Thus, Napoleon preserved and spread the administrative and social reforms of the Revolution while dismantling its political ideals.

Source: Chapter 1 – The Rise of Nationalism in Europe, Section 2.1

Explanation

- Examiners expect **both sides** of the contradiction to be addressed with specific evidence.
- Key points: Napoleonic Code, abolition of feudalism, equality before law = carrier; restoration of monarchy, reduction of women's rights, limited suffrage = destroyer.
- Avoid vague statements — name the Civil Code of 1804, specific regions (Holland, Switzerland, Italy, Germany), and specific changes.
- A brief concluding line tying both aspects together earns full marks.

Q10. deep thorough-understanding § 1 The French Revolution and the Idea of the Nation

[2]

[short answer] During the French Revolution, French was declared the sole official language of the nation, and regional dialects were actively suppressed. Analyse how this language policy was connected to the revolutionary project of building a unified national identity.

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Model Answer

The French revolutionaries believed that a unified nation required a common identity. By promoting Parisian French as the national language and suppressing regional dialects, they aimed to bind all citizens together under shared culture. A single language reinforced ideas of *la patrie* (fatherland) and equal citizenship, replacing regional loyalties with national solidarity.

Source: Chapter 1, *The French Revolution and the Idea of the Nation*

Explanation

The passage directly states: "Regional dialects were discouraged and French, as it was spoken and written in Paris, became the common language of the nation." Link this to the broader revolutionary goal of creating collective identity (uniform laws, flag, hymns). Examiners expect you to connect the language policy to the concept of national unity — not just describe it. Two clear points = 2 marks.

Q11. deep thorough-understanding § 1 The French Revolution and the Idea of the Nation

[3]

The French revolutionaries declared it their mission to 'liberate the peoples of Europe from despotism.' How did the actual experience of French military expansion contradict this declared mission?

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Model Answer

The French revolutionaries claimed they would free Europe from despotism, but their actual military expansion contradicted this mission in several ways.

As French armies moved into Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, and Italy in the 1790s, they brought with them not liberation but conquest. Napoleon, who rose from the Revolution, destroyed democracy in France by restoring monarchy. Although he introduced the Civil Code, abolished feudalism, and freed peasants from serfdom in conquered territories, the local populations often experienced French expansion as foreign domination rather than liberation. The administrative and legal reforms were imposed, not chosen, making the "mission to liberate" largely a justification for expanding French power and control over Europe.

Source: Chapter 1, *The Rise of Nationalism in Europe*

Explanation

The examiner expects you to (1) state the declared mission briefly, (2) give specific contradictions — Napoleon's monarchy, military conquest, imposition on other peoples — using evidence from the chapter. Don't just list reforms; stress that reforms were **imposed**, turning liberation into domination. Three marks = three clear points. Avoid padding with unrelated details like the Vienna Congress.

Q12. medium thorough-understanding § 2 The Making of Nationalism in Europe

[3]

A merchant in 1833 travelling across the German-speaking states to sell cloth faced serious economic difficulties even before competing in the market. Explain the specific obstacles he would have encountered, and then explain why the formation of the Zollverein in 1834 was seen not merely as an economic measure but also as a step toward national unification.

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Model Answer

Obstacles faced by the merchant in 1833:

Before competing in the market, the merchant would have faced multiple customs barriers and tariffs at each German state's border. He also had to deal with over thirty different currencies, making transactions complicated and costly. These fragmented conditions obstructed the free movement of goods and capital.

Significance of the Zollverein (1834):

The Zollverein abolished tariff barriers and reduced currencies from over thirty to two, allowing unhindered movement of goods. A network of railways further stimulated mobility. Crucially, it created shared economic interests among German states, generating economic nationalism that strengthened wider nationalist sentiments — making it a step toward political unification, not just an economic reform.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 2.3

Explanation

The question has two clear parts — obstacles and significance of Zollverein — so address both. Examiners look for: (1) specific obstacles (tariff barriers, multiple currencies), (2) what Zollverein did (abolished tariffs, reduced currencies, railways), and (3) the link between economic nationalism and political/national unification. The phrase "economic nationalism strengthened wider nationalist sentiments" is key textbook language — use it. Avoid padding; stay focused on the source passage.

Q13. deep thorough-understanding § 2 The Making of Nationalism in Europe

[3]

Nineteenth-century liberalism promised equality before the law, yet it simultaneously excluded large sections of society from political participation. Analyse this contradiction, identifying who was excluded and why, and explain what this reveals about the true nature of liberal ideology in this period.

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Model Answer

Nineteenth-century liberalism promised equality before the law but denied universal suffrage. In revolutionary France, only property-owning men could vote; men without property and **all women** were excluded from political rights. The Napoleonic Code further reduced women to the status of minors under male authority. At the Frankfurt Parliament (1848), women could only observe from the gallery and had no suffrage rights.

This reveals that liberalism primarily served the interests of the **educated, propertied middle classes**. "Equality" was economic and legal, not political — designed to abolish aristocratic privilege while keeping working classes and women subordinate.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 2.2 — *What did Liberal Nationalism Stand for?*; Section 3.3 — *1848: The Revolution of the Liberals*

Explanation

Examiners look for three things here (1 mark each):

1. **Who was excluded** — women and non-propertied men (be specific).
2. **Why** — property qualification; gender ideology (nature/separate spheres argument used by liberals like Welcker).
3. **What it reveals** — liberalism was a **class ideology** benefiting the middle class, not a universal programme of freedom.

Avoid writing a general essay on liberalism. Stick to the contradiction: *equality before law ≠ political equality*. Use textbook examples (France, Frankfurt Parliament) for credibility.

Q14. medium thorough-understanding § 2.2 What did Liberal Nationalism Stand for?

[3]

How did the creation of the Zollverein in 1834 address the economic fragmentation caused by the existence of multiple customs barriers across the German states? Analyse why such economic integration also helped to strengthen nationalist sentiment among the German people.

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Model Answer

The Zollverein (1834), initiated by Prussia, abolished tariff barriers among German states and reduced currencies from over thirty to two. This removed obstacles to trade and allowed free movement of goods, people, and capital, benefiting the commercial and middle classes.

Economic integration strengthened nationalist sentiment because shared economic interests created a sense of common identity. A network of railways further stimulated mobility across states. As people began to see themselves as part of one economic unit, a wave of economic nationalism merged with and reinforced wider political nationalist feelings.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 2.3 – A New Conservatism after 1815

Explanation

- Examiners look for **two parts**: (1) how Zollverein solved fragmentation, and (2) the link between economic integration and nationalism.
- Mention the specific facts: abolition of tariffs, reduction of currencies (30+ → 2), and the role of railways — these are direct textbook details that earn marks.
- The phrase "**economic nationalism strengthened wider nationalist sentiments**" is taken almost directly from the source — use it or paraphrase it clearly.
- Do not over-explain; at 3 marks, 60–80 words with two clear points is sufficient.

Q15. deep thorough-understanding § 2.2 What did Liberal Nationalism Stand for?

[3]

Nineteenth-century liberals championed equality before the law, yet they did not support universal suffrage. Is this a contradiction? Justify your answer with reference to how liberals defined political rights.

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Model Answer

This is **not a simple contradiction**, but it reveals that liberals defined political rights **narrowly**.

Nineteenth-century liberals believed in equality before the law — meaning no one was above the law — but they linked **political rights (voting) to property ownership**. In revolutionary France, only property-owning men could vote; men without property and all women were excluded. Even the Napoleonic Code reduced women to minors. Liberals argued that only those with a stake in property had the judgment to participate in governance. Thus, equality before the law and universal suffrage were treated as **separate principles**.

Source: Chapter 1 — "What did Liberal Nationalism Stand for?"

Explanation

- Examiners want you to **directly address the contradiction**, then **resolve it** using the text.
- Key distinction: *legal equality* (same laws apply to all) ≠ *political equality* (everyone votes). Liberals accepted the first but rejected the second.
- Always cite the France/Napoleonic Code example — it's the textbook's own evidence.
- Avoid padding; 3 marks = one clear argument with one or two supporting facts.

Q16. deep thorough-understanding § 2.2 What did Liberal Nationalism Stand for?

[5]

Nineteenth-century European liberalism carried distinct meanings in the political and economic spheres. Explain each dimension of liberal thought. Then analyse how the demand for a unified German economic territory reflected both these dimensions simultaneously, and assess the extent to which economic liberalism contributed to the growth of German nationalist consciousness.

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Model Answer

Political Liberalism: In the political sphere, liberalism stood for freedom for the individual, equality before the law, government by consent, end of autocracy and clerical privileges, and a constitution with representative government through parliament.

Economic Liberalism: Economically, liberals stressed inviolability of private property and opposed restrictions on trade. The new commercial middle classes demanded a unified economic territory allowing free movement of goods, people, and capital.

The Zollverein and Both Dimensions: In 1834, Prussia initiated the *Zollverein* (customs union), abolishing tariff barriers and reducing currencies from over thirty to two. This reflected economic liberalism (free trade, unified market) and political liberalism (dismantling aristocratic/feudal restrictions on commerce).

Contribution to Nationalist Consciousness: The railway network and common market created shared economic interests across German states. This wave of economic nationalism directly strengthened wider nationalist sentiments, linking material interests to the demand for political unification.

Source: Chapter 1 – Nationalism in Europe, Section 2.2 & 2.3

Explanation

Examiners expect students to clearly distinguish political from economic liberalism first, then connect both to the Zollverein example (the textbook's key case study), and finally explicitly state that economic nationalism fed political nationalism. The phrase "a wave of economic nationalism strengthened the wider nationalist sentiments" is almost directly from the textbook — use it. Don't forget to name the Zollverein, Prussia's role, and the reduction in currencies/tariffs as concrete details; these fetch marks.

Q17. medium thorough-understanding § 2.3 A New Conservatism after 1815

[3]

After Napoleon's defeat in 1815, European conservatives did not simply try to reverse all the changes he had introduced. Why did many conservatives actually support retaining certain modernising reforms even while defending monarchies and traditional institutions?

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Model Answer

After Napoleon's defeat, most conservatives did not wish to return to the pre-revolutionary order. They had learned from Napoleon's changes that **modernisation could actually strengthen traditional institutions** like the monarchy. Reforms such as a modern army, an efficient bureaucracy, a dynamic economy, and the abolition of feudalism and serfdom made state power more effective and strong. Thus, conservatives supported retaining these modernising measures because they enhanced autocratic power rather than threatening it.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 2.3 – A New Conservatism after 1815

Explanation

- The key phrase examiners look for is: "modernisation could strengthen traditional institutions."
- Name at least **three specific reforms** (modern army, efficient bureaucracy, dynamic economy, abolition of feudalism/serfdom) — these fetch marks.
- Avoid writing about the Vienna Congress here; that is a separate point. Focus only on *why* conservatives kept reforms.
- At 3 marks, three clear points in 2–3 sentences is ideal. Don't over-explain.

Q18. medium thorough-understanding § 2.3 A New Conservatism after 1815

[3]

The Congress of Vienna (1815) made specific territorial rearrangements around France's borders. What was the underlying strategic purpose of these arrangements, and how did they reflect the broader goals of the conservative powers who gathered there?

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Model Answer

The territorial arrangements at the Congress of Vienna (1815) were designed to **prevent future French expansion**. Buffer states were created around France: the Kingdom of the Netherlands (including Belgium) was set up to the north, Genoa was added to Piedmont in the south, Prussia received territories on its western frontiers, and Austria gained control of northern Italy.

The broader goal was to **restore the conservative order** — reinstating monarchies overthrown by Napoleon and preserving traditional institutions like the Church, monarchy, and social hierarchy. The powers sought stability through modernised but autocratic states, not a return to pre-revolutionary society.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 2.3 — A New Conservatism after 1815

Explanation

- The examiner expects **two clear points**: (1) the specific strategic purpose — containment of France via buffer states, and (2) the broader conservative goal — restoring legitimate monarchies and the old order.
- Always name at least 2–3 specific territorial changes (Netherlands, Genoa/Piedmont, Prussia's western territories, Austria in northern Italy) to earn full marks.
- The phrase "**conservative order**" is key terminology from the chapter — use it.
- Avoid padding; 3 marks = ~3 distinct factual/analytical points in concise form.

Q19. deep thorough-understanding § 2.3 A New Conservatism after 1815

[3]

Conservative regimes in Europe after 1815 frequently imposed censorship and curbed the freedom of the press. Why did they consider a free press so threatening to their authority, and why did liberal-nationalists in turn make freedom of the press a central demand of their movements?

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Model Answer

Why conservatives feared a free press:

Conservative regimes after 1815 wanted to preserve traditional institutions — monarchy, Church, and social hierarchy. A free press could spread liberal and nationalist ideas among the educated middle classes, encouraging demands for constitutions, representative government, and an end to autocracy. It threatened to unite and mobilise people against established authority.

Why liberal-nationalists demanded press freedom:

Liberals believed in freedom of the individual and government by consent. A free press was essential to spread ideas of national unity, equality before law, and constitutional government — the core of liberal-nationalist ideology — especially among the educated middle classes who were the backbone of these movements.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 2.2 – What did Liberal Nationalism Stand for?; Section 2.3 – A New Conservatism after 1815

Explanation

- The question has two parts — address **both** for full marks.
- Examiners look for: (1) conservative fear of idea-spreading/mobilisation, (2) liberal demand linked to freedom, consent, and spreading nationalist ideology.
- Anchor your answer in textbook concepts: autocracy, clerical privilege, constitution, representative government, educated middle classes.
- Avoid vague statements; tie each point clearly to the cause-effect logic the textbook implies.

Q20. medium thorough-understanding § 2.3 A New Conservatism after 1815

[1]

Which of the following best explains why Metternich described Giuseppe Mazzini as 'the most dangerous enemy of our social order'?

- (A) Mazzini led large armies that had already defeated Austrian forces in battle.
- (B) Mazzini's vision of a unified, republican Europe of nations directly challenged the monarchical and aristocratic order conservatives sought to preserve.
- (C) Mazzini had personally persuaded Napoleon III to withdraw French support from Austria.
- (D) Mazzini secretly controlled the finances of all revolutionary movements across Europe.

A Mazzini commanded large armies that directly threatened Austrian military power.

B Mazzini's vision of unified democratic republics and his network of secret societies directly challenged the monarchical and conservative order that conservatives like Metternich were trying to preserve.

C Mazzini had personally led a successful revolution that overthrew a European monarchy.

D Mazzini allied with Napoleon's supporters to restore French imperial dominance over Europe.

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Model Answer

Option B — Mazzini's vision of unified democratic republics and his network of secret societies (Young Italy, Young Europe) directly challenged the monarchical and conservative order that Metternich sought to preserve.

Source: The Revolutionaries, Chapter 1

Explanation

The passage explicitly states: "*Mazzini's relentless opposition to monarchy and his vision of democratic republics frightened the conservatives.*" Options A, C, and D are factually incorrect per the source. Examiners expect you to link Mazzini's ideology (republican, democratic, unified nation-states) to why conservatives feared him — not military power or financial control.

Q21. medium thorough-understanding § 2.4 The Revolutionaries

[3]

Giuseppe Mazzini founded not just Young Italy but also a broader organisation called Young Europe. What does this tell us about his understanding of nationalism — did he see it as an exclusively Italian cause? Explain his vision.

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Model Answer

Mazzini did **not** see nationalism as exclusively an Italian cause. He believed that God had intended nations to be the **natural units of mankind** — meaning every people deserved its own nation-state. By founding **Young Europe** in Berne (1833), whose members included like-minded young men from Poland, France, Italy and the German states, he envisioned nationalism as a **universal democratic movement** across Europe. His goal was a unified Italy within a **wider alliance of free nations**, where each nation's liberty would reinforce others'. This internationalist vision frightened conservatives like Metternich, who called him "the most dangerous enemy of our social order."

Source: Chapter 1 — The Rise of Nationalism in Europe, Section 2.4 The Revolutionaries

Explanation

- The key insight examiners want: Mazzini linked **national self-determination to a pan-European, universal principle**, not just Italian interests.
- Quote Metternich — it signals you read the passage carefully and shows the *impact* of his ideas.
- Mention both organisations (Young Italy + Young Europe) to show the contrast between the local and the broader vision.
- Avoid padding; 3 marks = ~3 distinct points delivered crisply.

Q22. deep thorough-understanding § 2.4 The Revolutionaries

[3]

Metternich called Mazzini 'the most dangerous enemy of our social order.' Why would a conservative statesman who had just overseen the restoration of monarchies across Europe consider a young revolutionary in exile to be so threatening?

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Metternich feared Mazzini because his ideas directly threatened everything the Vienna settlement had restored. Mazzini's **relentless opposition to monarchy** and his vision of **unified democratic republics** undermined the legitimacy of the restored monarchies. He founded secret societies — *Young Italy* and *Young Europe* — that spread revolutionary nationalist ideas across Poland, France, Germany and Italy, training a new generation of revolutionaries. His belief that nations, not monarchies, were the natural units of mankind inspired uprisings and secret societies throughout Europe, making him a practical as well as ideological danger to the conservative order.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 2.4 – The Revolutionaries

Explanation

Examiners expect you to connect **two levels of threat**: ideological (republican nationalism vs. monarchy) and organisational (founding secret societies with pan-European reach). Quoting or closely referencing Mazzini's founding of *Young Italy*/*Young Europe* and his belief in nations as natural units shows textbook grounding. Don't just say "he was a revolutionary" — explain *why* that was specifically dangerous to Metternich's restored monarchical order.

Q23. medium thorough-understanding § 3.1 The Romantic Imagination and National Feeling

[3]

Romantic artists and poets generally criticised the glorification of reason and science. What did they focus on instead, and how did this focus serve the cause of nationalism?

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Model Answer

Romantic artists and poets criticised the glorification of reason and science and focused instead on **emotions, intuition and mystical feelings**. Their effort was to create a sense of shared collective heritage and a common cultural past as the basis of a nation.

This served nationalism by helping people feel emotionally connected to their nation. Romantics like **Johann Gottfried Herder** argued that true national spirit (*volksgeist*) lived among the common people and was expressed through folk songs, folk poetry, and folk dances. Collecting these forms of folk culture helped build national identity and unity among people who shared a common cultural heritage.

Source: *The Rise of Nationalism in Europe, Section 3.1 – The Romantic Imagination and National Feeling*

Explanation

- The examiner expects **two parts**: (1) what Romantics focused on instead, and (2) how this helped nationalism — both must be addressed for full marks.
- Key terms to use: *emotions, intuition, mystical feelings, collective heritage, volksgeist, folk culture* — these come directly from the textbook.
- Mentioning **Herder** and the concept of *das volk/volksgeist* adds precision and earns marks.
- Avoid vague statements like "they helped people love their country" — be specific about folk songs, poetry, and shared cultural past.

Q24. medium thorough-understanding § 3.1 The Romantic Imagination and National Feeling

[3]

After Russian occupation of Poland, the Polish language was banned from schools and Russian was imposed everywhere. Yet national feeling in Poland survived. How did cultural practices — rather than political or military action — keep Polish national identity alive?

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Despite the ban on Polish language, cultural practices kept national identity alive in two key ways:

1. **Language as resistance:** Members of the Polish clergy used Polish for Church gatherings and religious instruction, defying Russian orders. Many priests and bishops were jailed or exiled to Siberia for refusing to preach in Russian. Polish language thus became a symbol of struggle against Russian dominance.
1. **Music and folklore:** Composer Karol Kurpinski celebrated the national struggle through operas and music, turning folk dances like the polonaise and mazurka into nationalist symbols, keeping the national spirit alive among the people.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 3.1 — *The Romantic Imagination and National Feeling*

Explanation

- Examiners expect **two distinct cultural practices** clearly identified — language (Church/clergy) and music/folk arts.
- Name **Karol Kurpinski** and the dances (**polonaise, mazurka**) for full marks — these are specific textbook details that score.
- The key phrase examiners look for: Polish language became a "**symbol of struggle/resistance**" — use it.
- Avoid writing about the 1831 armed rebellion; the question asks specifically about *cultural*, not military/political, action.

Q25. medium thorough-understanding § 3.1 The Romantic Imagination and National Feeling

[3]

The Grimm Brothers are known for collecting German folktales and folk traditions. How did this cultural work relate to the political challenge posed by French dominance in Europe, and in what ways did it contribute to the building of a distinct German national identity?

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Model Answer

The Grimm Brothers collected German folktales and compiled a 33-volume German language dictionary as a direct response to French political and cultural domination of Europe. They believed the folktales represented a **pure and authentic German spirit**, distinct from French influence. By preserving vernacular language and folk traditions, they helped carry nationalist sentiment to wider audiences. Thus, their cultural work served the political purpose of opposing French dominance and contributed to building a distinct German national identity rooted in shared language and heritage.

Source: *The Making of Nationalism in Europe, Box 1 (The Grimm Brothers: Folktales and Nation-building)*

Explanation

- The question links **cultural activity** → **political resistance** → **nation-building**, so your answer must cover all three.
- Key facts examiners expect: collecting folktales, German language dictionary (33 volumes), belief in "pure and authentic German spirit," opposition to French domination.
- Avoid just describing the fairy tales — the examiner wants the **nationalist purpose** behind the work.
- At 3 marks, ~70–80 words with these three threads is sufficient; no need for extra examples.

Q26. medium thorough-understanding § 3.1 The Romantic Imagination and National Feeling

[1]

Nationalists in nineteenth-century Europe invested heavily in collecting folk songs, folk tales and local dialects and in promoting vernacular languages. Which of the following best explains the significance of this cultural strategy for the nationalist movement?

- (A) Vernacular languages were officially recognised by the Congress of Vienna as the basis for drawing new national boundaries.
- (B) Folk songs, dances and stories could communicate a shared cultural heritage to the large illiterate population who had no access to nationalist pamphlets or newspapers.
- (C) European monarchies actively encouraged folk culture because it distracted peasants from economic hardships.
- (D) Collecting folklore helped nationalists prove the racial superiority of their people over neighbouring groups.
- A Illiterate people were more patriotic than educated people and needed little persuasion.
- B Folk songs, dances and stories could communicate a shared cultural heritage to people who could not read nationalist pamphlets or newspapers.
- C The European governments encouraged the spread of folk culture as it kept peasants politically passive.
- D Vernacular languages were scientifically proven to be superior to Latin and French for expressing nationalist thought.

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Model Answer

Answer: (B)

Folk songs, dances and stories could communicate a shared cultural heritage to people who could not read nationalist pamphlets or newspapers.

Explanation

The textbook (Section 3.1) explicitly states that collecting folk culture was done "to carry the modern nationalist message to large audiences who were mostly illiterate." Option B directly reflects this. The other options are either factually incorrect or not supported by the chapter.

Q27. straightforward thorough-understanding § 3.2 Hunger, Hardship and Popular Revolt

[1]

[mcq] Which of the following best explains why small textile producers in European towns faced a severe economic crisis in the 1830s–1840s?

- (A) They were taxed heavily by conservative regimes to fund wars
 - (B) Cheap machine-made goods from England undercut their handmade products
 - (C) Guilds banned them from selling goods in city markets
 - (D) The abolition of serfdom reduced the rural demand for cloth
- A The French Revolutionary Wars had destroyed most trade routes across Europe.
B Guild restrictions had been reimposed after 1815, blocking production.
C Cheap machine-made goods imported from more industrialised England undercut their prices.
D Napoleon's continental blockade had cut off their supply of raw materials.

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Model Answer

Answer: (C)

Small textile producers faced stiff competition from cheap machine-made goods imported from England, where industrialisation was more advanced, undercutting their handmade products and causing severe economic hardship.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 3.2 – Hunger, Hardship and Popular Revolt

Explanation

The passage explicitly states: "Small producers in towns were often faced with stiff competition from imports of cheap machine-made goods from England, where industrialisation was more advanced." This makes Option C the direct textbook answer. The other options (guild restrictions, Napoleon's blockade, trade routes) are not mentioned in the passage and are historically inaccurate for this context. Examiners look for the exact textbook reason — mechanised English imports undercutting continental handloom producers.

Q28. medium thorough-understanding § 3.2 Hunger, Hardship and Popular Revolt

[3]

In 1848, the National Assembly in France proclaimed universal male suffrage and guaranteed the right to work. What does this tell us about the relationship between economic hardship and political demands among the common people at this time?

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Model Answer

The proclamation of universal male suffrage and the right to work in 1848 France reveals a direct link between economic distress and political mobilisation. Food shortages and widespread unemployment drove the population of Paris to revolt, forcing Louis Philippe to flee. The common people demanded not just political rights (voting) but also economic security (guaranteed employment and national workshops). This shows that for the poor, political and economic demands were inseparable — hunger and joblessness pushed them to seek both representation and relief through revolutionary action.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 3.2 — Hunger, Hardship and Popular Revolt

Explanation

- Examiners expect you to connect the **economic conditions** (food shortage, unemployment) to the **political outcome** (universal suffrage, right to work) — not describe them separately.
- The key insight is that common people saw political rights and economic security as linked demands, not separate issues.
- Mention the specific details from the passage: Louis Philippe fleeing, National Assembly, national workshops — these show you've read the source carefully.
- Avoid writing a long narrative; keep it analytical and tight for 3 marks.

Q29. medium thorough-understanding § 3.2 Hunger, Hardship and Popular Revolt

[3]

The Silesian weavers' revolt of 1845 was directed specifically against their contractors rather than against the government or the aristocracy. What does this suggest about the nature of the economic exploitation they faced?

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Model Answer

The Silesian weavers' revolt of 1845 was directed against their **contractors** because it was these middlemen who directly exploited them economically. The contractors supplied raw materials and placed orders for finished textiles, but drastically reduced the weavers' payments, taking advantage of the desperate need for jobs among workers. The weavers' enemy was not the government but the capitalist-contractor system — a form of exploitation rooted in the early industrial economy where middlemen controlled both the supply of materials and the prices paid for labour, leaving home-based weavers with no bargaining power.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 3.2 – Hunger, Hardship and Popular Revolt

Explanation

- The question asks you to **analyse** what the revolt's target reveals — so go beyond just describing the revolt; explain *why* the contractors were the immediate oppressors.
- Key examiner expectation: link the **desperate need for jobs** (mentioned by journalist Wilhelm Wolff) to the contractors' power to reduce wages — that's the economic exploitation angle.
- Avoid vague phrases like "they were poor." Be specific: contractors controlled raw material supply AND payment rates, making them the direct agents of exploitation.
- 3 marks = one clear point + explanation + conclusion. This answer does exactly that in ~90 words.

Q30. medium thorough-understanding § 3.2 Hunger, Hardship and Popular Revolt

[3]

How did a bad harvest create a chain of hardships that stretched from the countryside into the towns? Trace this sequence of events.

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Model Answer

A bad harvest caused food prices to rise sharply, leading to widespread hunger in the countryside. Peasants, unable to sustain themselves, migrated to towns in search of work. However, towns already faced unemployment due to cheap machine-made imports from England competing with small producers. The influx of rural migrants worsened overcrowding in slums. Rising food prices combined with unemployment created mass pauperism in both town and country, ultimately triggering popular revolts — as seen in Paris in 1848, when food shortages and unemployment brought people onto the streets, erecting barricades and forcing King Louis Philippe to flee.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 3.2 — Hunger, Hardship and Popular Revolt

Explanation

The examiner expects a **sequential chain**: bad harvest → rise in food prices → rural pauperism → migration to towns → urban unemployment (worsened by English competition) → overcrowding/slums → mass hardship → revolt. Avoid just listing problems; use connecting words like "led to," "worsened," "consequently" to show the chain clearly. The Paris 1848 example is directly from the passage and serves as strong supporting evidence. Do not go beyond the passage.

Q31. deep thorough-understanding § 3.2 Hunger, Hardship and Popular Revolt

[5]

[long_answer] The revolts of 1848 in Europe involved two distinct but simultaneous forces — the liberal middle classes seeking constitutional governments and the peasants/workers demanding relief from economic hardship. Identify each group, their specific demands, and explain why these two forces failed to unite into a stable revolutionary movement that could bring lasting political change.

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Model Answer

Two Forces in the 1848 Revolts:

1. Liberal Middle Classes: Made up of professionals, businessmen, and industrialists, they demanded constitutionalism, freedom of the press, freedom of association, and the creation of nation-states governed by elected parliaments. In France, they succeeded in proclaiming a republic with universal male suffrage. In Germany, 831 elected representatives met at the Frankfurt Parliament to draft a constitution for a monarchy subject to parliament.

2. Peasants and Workers: Suffering from food shortages, unemployment, feudal dues, and competition from cheap machine-made goods, they demanded relief from economic hardship — higher wages, the right to work, and an end to exploitation (e.g., the Silesian weavers' revolt of 1845).

Why they failed to unite: The two forces had fundamentally different goals. The middle-class-dominated Frankfurt Parliament actively **resisted** the economic demands of workers and artisans, causing them to withdraw support. Without mass backing, the parliament was militarily weak. When monarchs and aristocracies opposed it, there was no unified popular force to resist. Troops were called in and the assembly was disbanded.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 3.2 – Hunger, Hardship and Popular Revolt; Section 4 – The Making of Germany and Italy

Explanation

Examiners look for: (1) clear identification of both groups with their specific demands, (2) an explicit explanation of the failure to unite — the key cause being the middle classes **resisting** workers' demands, not just external suppression. Many students mention monarchs crushing the revolution but miss the internal class contradiction. Always quote the Frankfurt Parliament example as it directly shows both forces and their split. Keep the two groups clearly separated before explaining the failure.

Q32. deep thorough-understanding § 3.2 Hunger, Hardship and Popular Revolt

[5]

The economic hardships of the 1830s–1840s contributed to popular uprisings, yet after 1848 many European monarchies survived and even grew stronger. Using your knowledge of how conservative regimes responded after 1848, explain why economic discontent alone was not enough to produce lasting political change.

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Model Answer

Economic discontent alone was insufficient for lasting change because conservative regimes adapted strategically after 1848 rather than simply restoring the old order.

- 1. Military suppression:** When the Frankfurt Parliament tried to draft a liberal constitution, monarchs used armies and aristocratic support (e.g., Junkers in Prussia) to forcibly disband the assembly, crushing the liberal initiative.
- 2. Strategic concessions:** Monarchs realised that "cycles of revolution and repression could only be ended by granting concessions." Serfdom was abolished in Habsburg dominions and Russia, and Hungary was granted more autonomy (1867), removing key economic grievances.
- 3. Divided opposition:** The middle classes, who led revolutions, refused workers' and artisans' demands, eroding parliament's social base. Without unity between classes, uprisings collapsed.
- 4. Conservative modernisation:** Post-1815 conservatives understood that a modern army, efficient bureaucracy, and dynamic economy could *strengthen* autocracy rather than threaten it, making regimes more resilient.
- 5. Nationalism co-opted:** After 1848, conservative leaders like Bismarck harnessed nationalist sentiment for *state power*, not democracy, redirecting popular energy away from revolution.

Thus, without unified cross-class leadership and a coherent political programme, economic grievances alone could not sustain lasting change.

Source: Chapter 1 – Nationalism in Europe, Sections 2.3, 3.2, 4

Explanation

Examiners look for **analysis beyond mere description** – you must explain *why* economic discontent failed, not just *what* happened. Key points to score full marks:

- Always link suppression + concessions + class divisions as a three-part argument.
- The textbook phrase "cycles of revolution and repression" is a strong direct quote to include.
- Mention at least one specific example (Frankfurt Parliament, abolition of serfdom, Hungary 1867, Bismarck).
- Avoid listing events without explaining their consequence for the question asked.

Q33. deep thorough-understanding § 4 The Making of Germany and Italy

[5]

The unification of Germany and the unification of Italy both succeeded in the 1860s–70s, yet they followed notably different paths. Compare the roles played by military-diplomatic power versus popular revolutionary movements in achieving unification in each country. Which factor proved more decisive in each case, and why?

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Model Answer

Germany: Unification was driven primarily by **military-diplomatic power**. After the failure of the liberal Frankfurt Parliament (1848), Prussia's Chief Minister Otto von Bismarck took charge. Using the Prussian army and bureaucracy, he fought three wars — against Denmark, Austria, and France — over seven years. In January 1871, William I was proclaimed German Emperor at Versailles. Popular revolutionary movements had been crushed by the monarchy and Junkers; Bismarck's "blood and iron" approach proved decisive.

Italy: Unification combined both factors. Cavour's **diplomatic alliance with France** defeated Austria (1859), while **Garibaldi's popular volunteer army** (the Red Shirts) won southern Italy. Mazzini had earlier built revolutionary consciousness through Young Italy. However, most Italian peasants remained unaware of nationalism, showing that elite diplomacy and military action ultimately proved more decisive than mass popular sentiment.

Conclusion: Military-diplomatic power was the dominant factor in both cases, though Italy also relied significantly on popular revolutionary energy.

Source: Chapter 1 — Nationalism in Europe, Sections 4.1 (Germany) and 4.2 (Italy Unified)

Explanation

- The examiner expects you to **contrast** both countries clearly — do not merge them.
- Key terms to use: Bismarck, Prussian army, Cavour, Garibaldi, diplomatic alliance, popular movement.
- Note that the textbook explicitly states Germany moved "away from democracy and revolution" toward state power, while Italy had *both* Cavour's diplomacy *and* Garibaldi's volunteers — this contrast is what earns marks.
- Mazzini is relevant as background to popular nationalism in Italy but was not directly responsible for unification success.
- Avoid writing a general essay; the question demands **comparison**, so structure your answer country by country.

Q34. medium thorough-understanding § 4 The Making of Germany and Italy

[3]

After Italian unification was proclaimed in 1861, it was observed that the vast majority of ordinary Italians — particularly the peasant masses in the south — had little awareness of or connection to the idea of a unified Italian nation. What does this reveal about the nature of the unification movement, and why is it significant for understanding what nationalism actually meant in nineteenth-century Europe?

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Model Answer

This reveals that Italian unification was largely an **elite-driven movement**, led by educated middle-class liberals, revolutionaries like Mazzini, and political leaders like Cavour — not a mass popular movement. The peasant masses, especially in the south, remained disconnected from nationalist ideas, which were confined to urban, educated classes.

This is significant because it shows that nineteenth-century nationalism in Europe was not a spontaneous feeling shared by all people. It was an ideology constructed and promoted by a minority. True national consciousness had to be actively created; it did not exist naturally among ordinary people.

Source: Chapter 1 — *The Rise of Nationalism in Europe*, Sections 2.4 and 3

Explanation

- Examiners expect you to link the observation to the **class character** of the nationalist movement (middle-class/elite-driven).
- Mention Mazzini or the educated liberals to show you know *who* led unification.
- The second part — significance — must address what this tells us about nationalism as a **constructed, not natural, phenomenon**. This is the analytical point that earns the third mark.
- Don't write about the full history of Italian unification; stay focused on what the peasants' ignorance *reveals*.

Q35. straightforward thorough-understanding § 4.2 Italy Unified

[1]

Which Italian state was ruled by an Italian princely house during the mid-nineteenth century, and how did its political status differ from the other Italian states at the time?

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Model Answer

Sardinia-Piedmont was ruled by an Italian princely house. Unlike other Italian states controlled by foreign powers (e.g., Austria), it was an independent Italian-ruled state.

Source: *The Making of Germany and Italy*, Chapter 1

Explanation

The examiner expects you to name the specific state (Sardinia-Piedmont) and contrast it with other Italian states that were under foreign (especially Austrian) domination. This shows understanding of the political fragmentation of Italy in the mid-nineteenth century. Keep the answer to one concise line for 1 mark.

Q36. medium thorough-understanding § 4.2 Italy Unified

[3]

Cavour is described as neither a revolutionary nor a democrat, yet he is credited as the chief architect of Italian unification. How did his approach to unification differ from that of Mazzini, and why was Cavour's method ultimately more successful in achieving a unified Italian state?

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Model Answer

Mazzini believed in a unified Italy through revolution, founding secret societies like *Young Italy* and *Young Europe* to spread democratic-republican ideals. However, his revolutionary approach alarmed conservatives and failed to achieve practical results.

Cavour, as Chief Minister of Sardinia-Piedmont, adopted a diplomatic and pragmatic approach. He engineered a tactical alliance with France, which helped defeat Austrian forces in 1859. He also utilised Garibaldi's armed volunteers who marched into South Italy, winning local support to expel Spanish rulers. This combination of diplomacy, military strategy, and statecraft succeeded where Mazzini's revolutionary idealism could not, leading to Victor Emmanuel II being proclaimed king of unified Italy in 1861.

Source: *Italy Unified, Chapter 1; The Revolutionaries, Chapter 1*

Explanation

Examiners look for a **clear contrast** between Mazzini (revolutionary, democratic, idealistic, underground societies) and Cavour (diplomatic, pragmatic, used alliances and military force). Key facts to include: Cavour's French alliance, defeat of Austria (1859), Garibaldi's role in South Italy, and the proclamation of Victor Emmanuel II in 1861. Avoid lengthy political theory — stick to specific actions and outcomes. The question is 3 marks, so two focused paragraphs comparing both approaches is sufficient.

Q37. deep thorough-understanding § 4.2 Italy Unified

[3]

Garibaldi's campaign in South Italy succeeded in winning the support of local peasants to drive out the Spanish rulers. Yet, the same peasant masses had never heard of 'Italia' and believed 'La Talia' was Victor Emmanuel's wife. What does this contradiction reveal about the nature of the Italian unification movement?

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Model Answer

The contradiction reveals that Italian unification was an **elite-driven movement**, not a genuinely popular one. The leaders — Cavour, Mazzini, Garibaldi — were educated liberals who believed in nationalism and a unified Italian state. However, the peasant masses, who had high rates of illiteracy, had no awareness of nationalist ideology or the concept of 'Italia'. They supported Garibaldi's campaign out of local grievances against Spanish rule, not national consciousness. This shows that unification was achieved from above by the elite, while the ordinary people remained indifferent to the idea of a nation.

Source: *Italy Unified, Chapter 1 — Nationalism in Europe*

Explanation

- The key insight examiners expect: unification was a **top-down, elite-led process** — the masses participated without understanding the nationalist idea behind it.
- Mention the **high illiteracy** among peasants as the textbook does.
- Connect peasant support to **local/practical reasons** (opposition to Spanish rulers), not ideological nationalism.
- Do not write a long essay — 3 marks = ~3 clear points in 60–90 words.

Q38. deep thorough-understanding § 4.2 Italy Unified

[5]

Both Germany and Italy were unified in the second half of the nineteenth century, yet the processes followed notably different paths. Compare the roles of military force, diplomacy, and popular revolutionary action in each unification, and explain why, despite their differences, both processes resulted in a monarchy rather than the democratic republic that earlier nationalists like Mazzini had envisioned.

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Model Answer

Germany and Italy: A Comparison of Unification

Germany followed a top-down, conservative path. The liberal initiative of 1848, where middle-class Germans tried to unite through an elected Frankfurt Parliament, was crushed by the monarchy and military. Prussia's chief minister, Otto von Bismarck, then led unification through the Prussian army and diplomacy — fighting three wars against Austria, Denmark, and France. In January 1871, King William I was proclaimed German Emperor at Versailles.

Italy (1859–1870) combined military campaigns, diplomacy, and some popular revolutionary action, but was similarly dominated by conservative state power rather than democratic forces.

Why monarchy, not republic? Mazzini had envisioned a democratic republic, but after 1848, nationalist movements were increasingly mobilised by conservative monarchies to consolidate state power. Liberal-nationalist revolutionaries were suppressed, and unification was achieved through armies and royal authority — leaving no space for Mazzini's democratic vision.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 4 – *The Making of Germany and Italy*; Section 2.4 – *The Revolutionaries*

Explanation

- The examiner expects you to contrast both unifications, then explain the monarchy outcome.
- Key phrases to use: "top-down," "Bismarck," "Prussian army," "three wars," "1848 liberal initiative crushed," "Mazzini's vision of democratic republic."
- The textbook gives more detail on Germany than Italy for this topic — reflect that balance.
- The core argument for the final part: after 1848, nationalism shifted away from democracy and revolution toward conservative state power — this is a direct textbook line worth memorising.
- Don't write more than ~120 words in the exam; the above is correctly scaled for 5 marks.

Q39. medium thorough-understanding § 4.3 The Strange Case of Britain

[3]

The formation of the British nation-state differed fundamentally from the way nation-states emerged elsewhere in Europe. Explain how Britain's nation-state came into being, and why this process can be considered unusual compared to the revolutionary or war-driven unifications seen on the continent.

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Model Answer

Britain's nation-state formation was **gradual and parliamentary**, not revolutionary or war-driven — hence "strange." There was no pre-existing British nation; people identified as English, Welsh, Scot, or Irish. As England grew in wealth and power, it used the Parliament (which had seized power from the monarchy in 1688) to forge a unified state. The **Act of Union (1707)** merged England and Scotland into the 'United Kingdom of Great Britain.' Ireland was forcibly incorporated in 1801. Scottish and Irish cultures were suppressed, and a dominant British identity was promoted through shared symbols — the Union Jack, national anthem, and English language. Unlike continental Europe, there was no sudden revolution or armed unification; it was a slow, imposed consolidation led by England.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 4.3 — *The Strange Case of Britain*

Explanation

- Examiners look for: (1) the gradual/parliamentary nature of Britain's process, (2) the Act of Union 1707, (3) suppression of other cultures, and (4) the contrast with continental Europe's revolutionary/war-based unifications (France, Germany, Italy).
- The word "unusual/strange" must be addressed — Britain had **no revolution**, no war of unification; it was top-down, English-dominated consolidation.
- Avoid listing too many dates; focus on the process and contrast. Three crisp points earn full marks here.

Q40. medium thorough-understanding § 4.3 The Strange Case of Britain

[1]

[mcq] After the Act of Union (1707), the British Parliament took steps to suppress distinct Scottish cultural markers. Which of the following BEST explains the underlying reason for such suppression?

- (A) To eliminate Scotland's military advantage over England
- (B) To ensure that a dominant English identity could be actively promoted as the shared British national identity
- (C) To punish Scotland for its alliance with France during earlier wars
- (D) To replace Gaelic with Latin as the official language of the Church of Scotland

A The Scottish Highlanders had sided with Napoleon and were being punished by the British government.

B English culture was actively promoted to forge a unified British national identity, requiring the subordination of older cultural traditions.

C Gaelic was considered a foreign language introduced by Irish Catholic settlers and was therefore banned.

D The Scottish parliament voluntarily agreed to abandon its distinct cultural practices as a condition for joining the union.

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Model Answer

(B) English culture was actively promoted to forge a unified British national identity, requiring the subordination of older cultural traditions.

The Act of Union (1707) led to England imposing its influence; Scottish Gaelic and national dress were suppressed as a dominant English culture was propagated through symbols like the Union Jack and English language.

Source: *The Strange Case of Britain, Chapter 1*

Explanation

The passage explicitly states: "A new 'British nation' was forged through the propagation of a dominant English culture... the older nations survived only as subordinate partners." Option B directly reflects this. Avoid options A (Napoleon link is wrong for 1707), C (Gaelic origin claim is fabricated), and D (it was not voluntary — the text says cultures were "systematically suppressed").

Q41. deep thorough-understanding § 4.3 The Strange Case of Britain

[5]

Ireland and Scotland were both absorbed into the United Kingdom, yet the chapter suggests their experiences were shaped by a common underlying dynamic. Identify that dynamic and analyse how it operated differently in each case — considering the role of religion, armed resistance, and cultural suppression — to explain why national identity did not disappear in either region despite British dominance.

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Model Answer

Common Underlying Dynamic: The English nation used its growing political and economic dominance to impose its culture and identity on smaller nations, suppressing their distinct traditions while absorbing them into a "British" identity.

Scotland: Scotland was absorbed through the Act of Union (1707). There was no successful armed resistance; instead, suppression was cultural. The Catholic Highland clans were severely repressed when they asserted independence. Scots were forbidden to speak Gaelic or wear their national dress, and many were forcibly driven from their homeland. Yet Scottish identity survived through these very suppressed traditions.

Ireland: Ireland was divided between Catholics and Protestants. The English backed Protestant dominance over the Catholic majority. Catholic revolts were suppressed — notably Wolfe Tone's rebellion (1798) — after which Ireland was forcibly incorporated in 1801. Armed resistance failed, but Catholic identity and resentment preserved a distinct Irish national consciousness.

In both cases, cultural suppression paradoxically strengthened national identity rather than erasing it.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 4.3 — The Strange Case of Britain

Explanation

- The examiner expects you to name the **dynamic** (English dominance imposing a British identity) first, then **contrast** Scotland and Ireland across the three dimensions asked: religion, armed resistance, and cultural suppression.
- Scotland = primarily **cultural suppression** (language, dress, clans); Ireland = primarily **religious divide + failed armed revolt**.
- End with the key irony: suppression preserved rather than destroyed national identity — this shows higher-order thinking and fetches full marks.
- Stay strictly within the textbook passage; don't add outside facts.

Q42. medium thorough-understanding § 5 Visualising the Nation

[3]

Why did artists in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries choose to represent nations through female figures rather than through portraits of actual rulers or real individuals?

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Artists in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries used female figures rather than portraits of actual rulers because a nation is an **abstract idea**, and real individuals could only represent themselves, not the entire nation.

By personifying the nation as a female figure, artists gave **a concrete form to this abstract concept** — the female figure became an **allegory** of the nation. For example, **Marianne** represented France, drawing her imagery from Liberty and the Republic (red cap, tricolour, cockade). Her statues were placed in public squares to promote national unity and identity.

These allegorical figures stood for ideals — Liberty, Justice, the Republic — rather than any specific real person, making them universally relatable symbols for all citizens.

Source: Chapter 1 – The Rise of Nationalism in Europe, Section 5: Visualising the Nation

Explanation

- The key phrase examiners look for is "**abstract idea given concrete form**" and the word "**allegory**".
- Always mention at least one example — **Marianne** (France) or **Germania** (Germany) — for full marks.
- Avoid writing that female figures were chosen for aesthetic reasons; the correct reason is their ability to represent **collective ideals** rather than any individual.
- 3 marks = reason + explanation + example. Cover all three briefly.

Q43. medium thorough-understanding § 5 Visualising the Nation

[3]

The allegorical figure of Germania in the 1848 painting carries a combination of symbols that reflect both strength and peace. Identify any three such symbols depicted in the painting and explain what they collectively suggest about the ideal character of the German nation as envisioned by liberal-nationalists in 1848.

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Model Answer

Three symbols in Germania (1848) and their significance:

1. **Crown of oak leaves** – Represents heroism, showing the nation's courageous spirit.
2. **Sword with olive branch** – The sword shows readiness to fight, while the olive branch signals willingness to make peace.
3. **Broken chains** – Symbolises freedom from oppression and tyranny.

Collectively, these symbols suggest that liberal-nationalists envisioned Germany as a heroic yet peace-loving nation – strong enough to defend itself, but freed from autocratic rule and committed to liberty.

Source: Chapter 1 – The Rise of Nationalism in Europe, Section 5: Visualising the Nation

Explanation

- The question asks for **three symbols + collective significance** – so split your answer: name and explain each symbol briefly, then give a concluding collective meaning.
- All symbols and meanings must come directly from **Box 3** in the textbook; don't invent interpretations.
- "Collectively suggest" is the key phrase – examiners want you to synthesise, not just list. End with a sentence linking strength + peace + freedom as the liberal-nationalist ideal.
- Avoid over-explaining individual symbols – one line each is enough at 3 marks.

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[3]

Marianne and Germania both served as female allegories of their respective nations, yet they drew their symbolic attributes from different sources. How did the attributes chosen for each figure reflect the distinct national histories and political ideals of France and Germany respectively?

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Model Answer

Marianne, the allegory of France, drew her attributes from the French Revolution — the red cap (liberty), tricolour, and cockade symbolised the ideals of Liberty and the Republic. Her name was a common Christian name, underlining the idea of a people's nation built on republican and democratic values.

Germania, the allegory of Germany, drew attributes from heroism and military strength — the crown of oak leaves (heroism), breastplate with eagle (German empire's strength), and sword (readiness to fight). These reflected Germany's aspiration for national unification and its warrior-heroic tradition, rather than a revolutionary republican past.

Source: *The Rise of Nationalism in Europe*, Section 5 — Visualising the Nation

Explanation

- Examiners expect a **contrast** between the two figures, not just a description of one.
- Key point: Marianne's symbols come from **revolutionary/republican ideals** (Liberty, Republic); Germania's come from **martial/heroic traditions** (oak, eagle, sword).
- Mention the **significance of Marianne's name** (popular Christian name = people's nation) — this is a commonly asked detail.
- For 3 marks, two clear points about Marianne + two about Germania, with a linking contrast, is sufficient. Avoid padding.

Q45. medium thorough-understanding § 6 Nationalism and Imperialism

[3]

How did nationalism change in character during the last quarter of the nineteenth century compared to the first half of the century?

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Model Answer

In the first half of the nineteenth century, nationalism was closely linked to **liberal-democratic ideals** — freedom, equality, and constitutional government.

However, by the last quarter of the nineteenth century, nationalism **no longer retained its idealistic liberal-democratic sentiment**. Instead, it became a **narrow creed with limited ends**. Nationalist groups grew increasingly intolerant of each other and were ever ready to go to war. Major European powers also **manipulated nationalist aspirations** of subject peoples to further their own **imperialist aims**, ultimately leading Europe toward disaster in 1914.

Source: *Nationalism and Imperialism, Chapter 1*

Explanation

- The examiner expects you to **contrast** early nationalism (liberal, idealistic) with late 19th-century nationalism (narrow, aggressive, linked to imperialism).
- Use the **exact textbook phrases**: "narrow creed with limited ends," "intolerant," "manipulated nationalist aspirations" — these signal to the examiner you know the source.
- Don't over-explain; 3 marks = roughly 3 clear points in brief.

Q46. medium thorough-understanding § 6 Nationalism and Imperialism

[5]

Why did the Balkans become the most serious source of nationalist tension in Europe after 1871? In your answer, refer to both the internal situation in the region and the role of outside powers.

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Model Answer

After 1871, the Balkans became the most serious source of nationalist tension in Europe due to several interconnected factors.

Internal situation: The Balkans was a region of great geographical and ethnic diversity comprising Slavic peoples — Romanians, Bulgarians, Serbs, Greeks, etc. Much of it was under the decaying Ottoman Empire, which had failed to modernise effectively. As ideas of romantic nationalism spread, subject nationalities broke away one by one, claiming independence based on history and ethnicity. The Balkan states became fiercely jealous of each other, each seeking to gain more territory at the expense of its neighbours, making the region intensely conflict-prone.

Role of outside powers: The Balkans also became a battleground for big-power rivalry. Russia, Germany, England, and Austro-Hungary each tried to counter the influence of the others and extend their own control over the region. These imperial powers manipulated local nationalist aspirations to serve their own interests. This combination of internal ethnic conflict and external imperial competition led to a series of wars and ultimately the First World War.

Source: *Nationalism and Imperialism, Chapter 1*

Explanation

- Examiners expect **two clear dimensions:** internal (ethnic diversity, Ottoman decline, inter-Balkan rivalry) and external (big-power competition). Label or paragraph them clearly.
- Name at least **3–4 specific powers** (Russia, Germany, England, Austro-Hungary) — this earns marks.
- The phrase "**manipulated nationalist aspirations for imperialist aims**" is directly from the textbook and should appear.
- Don't write a general essay on nationalism; keep the focus on the Balkans specifically.
- Around 110–120 words is ideal for 5 marks.

Q47. deep thorough-understanding § 6 Nationalism and Imperialism **[3]**

Balkan nationalities often used historical memory to justify their struggles for independence. What was the core historical argument they relied upon, and why did such arguments carry particular force within a nationalist framework?

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Model Answer

The Balkan nationalities argued that they had once been independent nations but were later subjugated by foreign powers, particularly the Ottoman Empire. They used history to prove this past independence and framed their struggles as attempts to "win back their long-lost independence."

Within a nationalist framework, such arguments carried special force because nationalism treated the nation as a natural, eternal unit. If a people could show they had historically existed as a distinct nation, their subjugation became illegitimate and their demand for freedom became morally justified.

Source: Nationalism and Imperialism, Chapter 1

Explanation

The examiner expects two clear points: (1) the core historical argument — past independence before foreign subjugation — and (2) why it worked within nationalism — because nationalism views nationhood as inherent/eternal, making historical proof of prior independence a powerful justification. Stick to the textbook's exact phrasing ("win back their long-lost independence") to score full marks.

Q48. medium thorough-understanding § 6 Nationalism and Imperialism **[1]**

Which of the following best explains why the major European powers became involved in Balkan conflicts during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries?

Options: (A) They wanted to help the Slavic peoples win independence from the Ottoman Empire out of genuine sympathy. (B) They were competing to extend their own control over the region while countering the influence of rival powers. (C) They were enforcing the terms agreed upon at the Congress of Vienna, 1815. (D) They wanted to prevent the spread of revolutionary republican ideas from the Balkans into Western Europe.

A They wanted to help the Slavic peoples win independence from the Ottoman Empire out of genuine sympathy.

B They were competing to extend their own control over the region while countering the influence of rival powers.

C They were enforcing the terms agreed upon at the Congress of Vienna, 1815.

D They wanted to prevent the spread of revolutionary republican ideas from the Balkans into Western Europe.

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Model Answer

(B) They were competing to extend their own control over the region while countering the influence of rival powers.

Explanation

The textbook explicitly states that each major power — Russia, Germany, England, Austro-Hungary — was keen on countering the hold of other powers over the Balkans and extending its own control, driven by rivalry over trade, colonies, and military might. The other options are either historically inaccurate or not supported by the passage.

Q49. deep thorough-understanding § 6 Nationalism and Imperialism

[3]

Nationalist movements in colonised regions of Asia and Africa drew inspiration from European ideas of nationalism, yet developed in distinctly different ways. Explain why these movements cannot be considered mere copies of European nationalism, highlighting at least two key differences in their context or character.

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Model Answer

Nationalist movements in Asia and Africa were inspired by European ideas but developed their own distinct forms. As the textbook states, "European ideas of nationalism were nowhere replicated, for people everywhere developed their own specific variety of nationalism."

Key differences:

1. **Context of struggle:** European nationalism emerged against monarchies or empires of the same region. In Asia and Africa, nationalism developed as an **anti-colonial/anti-imperial** struggle against foreign European powers — it was forged "in confrontation with imperialism."
1. **Character of unity:** European nationalism often excluded or dominated others (e.g., Balkans rivalry, imperialism). Colonial nationalism united diverse peoples against a common foreign oppressor, making collective identity inseparable from resistance to exploitation.

Thus, while the goal of forming independent nation-states was borrowed, the motivations, struggles, and forms were uniquely shaped by the colonial experience.

Source: *Nationalism and Imperialism, Chapter 1*

Explanation

- The key phrase examiners expect is directly from the text: "**European ideas of nationalism were nowhere replicated.**" Quote or closely paraphrase it.
- Two clear, labelled differences are essential for full marks on a 3-mark question — the examiner is looking for context (anti-colonial vs. internal) and character (unity against foreign rule vs. competitive/exclusionary nationalism).
- Avoid over-explaining; keep points crisp. One sentence of context + two distinct points + a brief conclusion is the ideal structure here.

Q50. deep thorough-understanding § (whole-chapter synthesis)

[5]

Frédéric Sorrieu's 1848 print showed peoples of the world marching as distinct nations, yet the German peoples he depicted did not yet exist as a united nation. By 1871, Germany was unified — but not through the democratic, liberal path Sorrieu envisioned. Trace the journey from liberal-nationalist aspiration in 1848 to the actual unification of Germany in 1871, explaining why the method that succeeded was so different from what the liberals had hoped for.

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Model Answer

Liberal Aspirations of 1848:

In 1848, middle-class German liberals attempted to unite the numerous German-speaking principalities into a nation-state under a democratic constitution. The Frankfurt Parliament was convened with this aim, reflecting liberal ideals of freedom, equality, government by consent, and representative institutions.

Failure of the Liberal Path:

The liberal initiative was crushed by the combined forces of monarchy, military, and the large Prussian landowners (Junkers). Conservative forces suppressed the revolution, and the old order reasserted itself.

Bismarck's Path to Unification:

After 1848, nationalism shifted away from democracy toward conservative state power. Prussia, under Chief Minister Otto von Bismarck, took leadership. Using the Prussian army and bureaucracy, Bismarck fought three wars — against Austria, Denmark, and France — over seven years. Prussia won all three, and in January 1871, King William I was proclaimed German Emperor at Versailles.

Why It Differed:

Liberals envisioned unification through popular participation and elected parliament; Bismarck achieved it through "blood and iron" — military force and conservative statecraft, not democratic consent.

Source: Chapter 1 — The Rise of Nationalism in Europe, Section 4.1

Explanation

- Examiners look for: (1) the 1848 liberal aspiration linked to Frankfurt Parliament, (2) its failure due to monarchy + military + Junkers, (3) Bismarck's role and the three wars, (4) the contrast between democratic vision and military-conservative method.
- The phrase "**army as architect of a nation**" (the textbook section heading) is a great way to frame the contrast.
- Don't just narrate events — explicitly state *why* the method differed. That's what the question asks.
- Sorrieu's print is a good opener since the question specifically mentions it.

Q51. deep thorough-understanding § (whole-chapter synthesis)

[3]

Both the Napoleonic reforms in Europe and the conservative order established at the Congress of Vienna in 1815 were responses to the same revolutionary age, yet they had opposite effects on the growth of nationalism. Explain this apparent contradiction.

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Model Answer

Napoleon's reforms — the Civil Code, abolition of feudalism, equality before law, and simplified administration — spread revolutionary ideas of liberty and nationalism across Europe, inspiring subject peoples to imagine themselves as nations.

The Congress of Vienna (1815), however, aimed to undo these changes by restoring old monarchies and creating a conservative order. Conservative regimes imposed censorship and suppressed dissent, crushing liberal movements.

Yet this repression backfired: liberals and nationalists united against autocracy, and the memory of the French Revolution continued to inspire them. Thus, Napoleonic reforms planted the seed of nationalism, while the Vienna order made it grow through resistance.

Source: Chapter 1 — Nationalism in Europe, Sections 2.2 and 2.3

Explanation

- The examiner wants you to show **both sides of the contradiction**: Napoleon spread nationalist/liberal ideas; Vienna tried to crush them but ended up fuelling resistance.
- Key terms to use: **Civil Code, Congress of Vienna, conservatism, censorship, liberal-nationalists.**
- Don't just describe each event separately — explicitly link them to show the contradiction and its resolution (suppression → resistance → stronger nationalism).
- 3 marks = roughly 3 distinct points; this answer hits: (1) Napoleon's reforms spread nationalism, (2) Vienna restored conservatism and censorship, (3) repression strengthened nationalist sentiment in opposition.

Q52. medium thorough-understanding § (whole-chapter synthesis)

[1]

Which of the following best explains why nationalism in Europe shifted from a liberal-democratic force in the first half of the nineteenth century to a tool of conservative state power and imperialism by the last quarter?

- (A) Liberal nationalists failed to win mass support and were replaced by conservative leaders who used nationalist sentiment to consolidate state power and justify expansion.
- (B) The Congress of Vienna successfully destroyed all liberal-nationalist movements, forcing leaders to adopt conservative nationalism instead.
- (C) Nationalism became imperialist only because industrialisation created a need for raw materials in Asian and African colonies.
- (D) The unification of Germany and Italy eliminated the need for liberal nationalism in Europe, redirecting nationalist energy outward.

A Secret societies like the Carbonari successfully overthrew monarchies across Europe, making liberal revolutions unnecessary.

B After the failure of the 1848 liberal revolutions, conservative leaders like Bismarck harnessed nationalist sentiment to strengthen state power, and later European powers used it to justify imperial expansion.

C The Romantic movement convinced people that culture and folk traditions were more important than constitutions and representative governments.

D The unification of Germany and Italy satisfied all nationalist demands in Europe, leaving only imperial rivalries to drive politics.

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Model Answer

Answer: (B)

After the failure of the 1848 liberal revolutions, conservative leaders like Bismarck harnessed nationalist sentiment to strengthen state power, and later European powers used it to justify imperial expansion.

Explanation

The textbook explicitly states: *"After 1848, nationalism in Europe moved away from its association with democracy and revolution. Nationalist sentiments were often mobilised by conservatives for promoting state power."* Bismarck's unification of Germany through military force (not elected parliaments) is the key example. The "Nationalism and Imperialism" section further confirms nationalism became "a narrow creed" used by major powers to further imperialist aims. Option A is false (secret societies didn't overthrow monarchies); C is partially true but not the *best* explanation; D is incorrect as nationalist tensions continued within Europe (e.g., Balkans).

Source: Chapter 1, Section 4 (The Making of Germany and Italy) and Section 6 (Nationalism and Imperialism)

Q53. medium thorough-understanding § (whole-chapter synthesis)

[5]

Culture — through art, music, language and folklore — played a significant role in building nationalism across Europe. Using examples from at least three different contexts covered in the chapter, explain how cultural expression translated into political nationalism.

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Model Answer

Culture was a powerful force in shaping political nationalism across Europe in the 19th century.

Romanticism and Folk Culture (Germany): Romantic thinkers like Herder argued that true German identity lay in *das volk* — folk songs, poetry, and dances. The Grimm Brothers collected German folktales, seeing them as expressions of an authentic German spirit and a means to resist French domination and build national identity.

Language as Resistance (Poland): After Russian occupation, Polish was banned from schools. Polish clergy used the language in Church gatherings and religious instruction as an act of defiance. Polish became a symbol of resistance; Karol Kurpinski turned folk dances like the polonaise and mazurka into nationalist symbols through music.

Art and the Greek War of Independence: Poets and artists portrayed Greece as the cradle of European civilisation. Delacroix's painting *Massacre at Chios* stirred public emotion and sympathy, mobilising support for Greek independence against the Ottoman Empire.

Thus, art, music, language, and folklore transformed cultural identity into political action.

Source: Chapter 1 — Nationalism in Europe, Section 3.1 The Romantic Imagination and National Feeling

Explanation

- Examiners expect **at least three distinct contexts** — Germany (Romanticism/folklore), Poland (language), and Greece (art/poetry) are the clearest examples from the chapter.
- Each point should name a specific example (Herder, Grimm Brothers, Kurpinski, Delacroix, Byron) — vague statements lose marks.
- Keep the concluding line brief but present; it signals a complete answer.
- Avoid writing more than ~125 words — this is a 5-mark answer, not an essay.

Q54. medium thorough-understanding § (whole-chapter synthesis)

[3]

The unification of both Italy and Germany was completed by 1871, yet the processes differed significantly in method and leadership. Analyse one important similarity and one important difference in the manner in which these two nations achieved unification, explaining what each reveals about the nature of nationalism in nineteenth-century Europe.

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Model Answer

Similarity: Both Italy and Germany were unified under the leadership of a dominant state — Piedmont-Sardinia for Italy and Prussia for Germany. In both cases, conservative ministers (Cavour and Bismarck respectively) used military force and diplomacy rather than popular liberal movements to achieve unification. This reveals that nineteenth-century nationalism was ultimately driven by state power, not democratic idealism.

Difference: Germany's unification was achieved almost entirely through military means — three wars fought by Prussia against Austria, Denmark and France (1866–1871). Italy's process was more mixed, combining diplomacy with military campaigns. This shows that in Germany, nationalism became a tool of Prussian conservatism and militarism, moving away from its earlier liberal-democratic roots.

Source: Chapter 1, Section 4 – The Making of Germany and Italy

Explanation

- The question is 3 marks, so one clear point per similarity/difference is enough — no need to list multiple examples.
- Examiners look for: named leaders (Bismarck/Cavour), the role of the dominant state (Prussia/Piedmont), and a conclusion linking to the *nature* of nationalism (conservative/militaristic shift). These are the analytical elements that earn full marks.
- The key phrase from the textbook is: "*After 1848, nationalism moved away from democracy and revolution... mobilised by conservatives for promoting state power.*" Use it or echo it.
- Don't just narrate events — the question asks you to "explain what each reveals," so always end with an interpretive statement.

Q55. medium thorough-understanding § (whole-chapter synthesis)

[1]

Assertion (A): Even after conservative regimes suppressed the liberal revolutions of 1848, they could not simply restore the old pre-1815 order.

Reason (R): Modernising reforms — such as abolishing serfdom and granting limited autonomy — were introduced by autocratic monarchies in the years after 1848.

Choose the correct option:

- (A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- (B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- (C) A is true but R is false.
- (D) A is false but R is true.

A Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

B Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.

C A is true but R is false.

D A is false but R is true.

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Model Answer

(A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.

After 1848, autocratic monarchies introduced modernising reforms like abolishing serfdom and granting autonomy (e.g., to Hungarians in 1867), proving the old pre-1815 order could not be simply restored. R correctly explains A.

Explanation

The passage explicitly states: "Though conservative forces were able to suppress liberal movements in 1848, they could not restore the old order... serfdom and bonded labour were abolished both in the Habsburg dominions and in Russia." R directly explains *why* A is true — the reforms introduced by autocratic monarchies are the evidence that the old order was unrestorable. Hence option (A) is correct.

Q56. deep thorough-understanding § (whole-chapter synthesis)

[3]

Liberal nationalism championed freedom, constitutions and equality before the law. Yet the same liberal movement denied political rights to women and, in the case of Britain, suppressed the cultural identities of the Scottish and Irish peoples. What does this reveal about the limits of liberal nationalism as practised in nineteenth-century Europe?

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Model Answer

Liberal nationalism preached freedom, equality before law, and constitutional government — but its practice exposed deep contradictions. At the Frankfurt Parliament (1848), women were allowed only as observers in the gallery, denied suffrage and political participation. In Britain, the dominant English culture suppressed the distinct identities of the Scottish and Irish peoples. This reveals that liberal nationalism was essentially a **middle-class male ideology** — it championed rights selectively, excluding women and non-dominant ethnic groups. Thus, liberty and equality were not universal but limited by gender and cultural prejudice.

Source: "What did Liberal Nationalism Stand For?", Chapter 1 (*The Rise of Nationalism in Europe*)

Explanation

- Examiners look for **two clear examples of exclusion** (women denied suffrage + suppression of cultural identities) linked to a **concluding judgement** about the limits of liberal nationalism.
- The key phrase to use is "selectively applied" or "middle-class, male-dominated" — it shows analytical thinking, which earns the third mark.
- Don't just list facts; connect them to show the **contradiction** between liberal ideals and liberal practice. That evaluative link is what separates a 2-mark answer from a 3-mark one.

Q57. deep thorough-understanding § (whole-chapter synthesis)

[5]

Nationalism began in early nineteenth-century Europe as a movement for liberty and self-determination, yet by the end of the century it had become a source of conflict, aggressive rivalry between states, and a justification for imperial domination over other peoples. Identify the key turning points in this transformation and explain the factors that led nationalism to move away from its liberal origins.

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Model Answer

Early liberal origins: In early 19th-century Europe, nationalism was linked to liberalism — it stood for freedom of the individual, government by consent, abolition of autocracy, and equality before the law. The educated middle classes championed national unity as part of a broader struggle for constitutional rights.

Key turning points:

- 1. Post-1871 shift:** By the last quarter of the 19th century, nationalism shed its liberal-democratic sentiment and became a **narrow creed with limited ends**. Nationalist groups grew intolerant of each other and readier to go to war.
- 2. Balkans crisis:** The Balkans — a region of ethnic diversity under a crumbling Ottoman Empire — became the most serious source of nationalist tension. Competing Slavic nationalities, fuelled by romantic nationalism and historical grievances, clashed fiercely over territory.
- 3. Big-power manipulation:** European powers (Russia, Germany, England, Austro-Hungary) exploited these nationalist aspirations to advance their own imperialist aims, turning local conflicts into wider rivalries over trade, colonies, and military might.
- 4. Nationalism + Imperialism:** Nationalism became aligned with imperialism — used to justify domination over colonised peoples — and ultimately led Europe to disaster in 1914.

Source: Chapter 1 — Nationalism in Europe, Section 6: Nationalism and Imperialism

Explanation

Examiners look for: (1) the liberal origins briefly stated, (2) the clear post-1871 turning point using textbook language ("narrow creed"), (3) the Balkans as the key flashpoint, (4) big-power rivalry as a factor, and (5) the link between nationalism and imperialism. Use the exact phrases from the textbook ("narrow creed with limited ends," "manipulated nationalist aspirations") — these signal to the examiner that you know the source material. Do not write a long essay; crisp, labelled points score well for this mark allocation.

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