

Exercise walk-through

The Congress of Vienna ■ 5.7

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You must be able to

- state the Congress's two aims
- explain what it was containing and why both dangers are named
- compare its method with the balance of power of unit 3
- state why the CED says it *attempted*

Method — Two aims

To restore the balance of power in Europe, and to contain the danger of revolutionary or nationalistic upheavals in the future.

Method — Two dangers

Revolutionary upheaval comes from the principles of 5.4; **nationalistic** upheaval from the response to 5.6. Naming both is an admission that twenty-five years produced two lasting forces.

Method — Method

The Congress restored a principle already used in the eighteenth century, which makes the settlement conservative in method as well as in aim: Napoleonic Europe is treated as a deviation to be undone.

Method — ‘Attempted’

The CED's verb concedes nothing about success. Whether containment held is the story of the following units.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State the Congress's two aims.

Solution 2.1

Worked steps

restore the balance of power **B1**; contain the danger of revolutionary or nationalistic upheavals **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State the two dangers named and where each came from.

Solution 2.2

Worked steps

revolutionary upheaval, from the principles of the Revolution **B1**; nationalistic upheaval, from the response to Napoleon **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

The CED says the Congress “attempted”.

- (a) State what the verb concedes.
- (b) State where the answer is found.

Solution 2.3

Method: 'Attempted'

Worked steps

(a) it does not concede success **B1**. (b) in whether containment held, which the following units answer **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

Restoring the balance of power makes the settlement

- A** revolutionary
- B** conservative in method as well as aim
- C** nationalist
- D** liberal

Solution 3.1

- A revolutionary
- B conservative in method as well as aim 
- C nationalist
- D liberal

Worked steps

- B. an old principle is restored rather than a new one devised.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Naming two dangers rather than one admits that the previous quarter-century produced

A no lasting forces

B two lasting forces

C one force

D four forces

Solution 3.2

Method: Two dangers

A no lasting forces

B two lasting forces 

C one force

D four forces

Worked steps

B. two dangers, two forces.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A settlement designed to contain nationalism shapes how nationalism must later operate.

- (a) State the implication for the next century.
- (b) Explain why this is more than a date.

Solution 3.3

Method: Method

Worked steps

(a) later nationalist movements argue against the terms Vienna set **B1**. (b) it makes the settlement a cause of later events **B1**, not merely a point at which they are dated from **B1**.