

Exercise walk-through

Romanticism ■ 5.8

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You must be able to

- state what Rousseau objected to and what he emphasised
- describe Romanticism's relation to Enlightenment rationality
- explain the connection with religious revival
- explain what the era's politics demonstrated

Method — Rousseau's objection

He questioned the **exclusive** reliance on reason and emphasised emotion in the moral improvement of self and society. The target is reason as the only faculty, not reason itself.

Method — Romanticism and reason

Romanticism emerged as a **challenge** to Enlightenment rationality — the two coexist and argue, and neither replaces the other.

Method — Religious revival

Consistent with the Romantic movement, religious revival occurred, including Methodism founded by John Wesley. Both privilege inner experience over the demonstrable, which is why the CED files them together.

Method — What politics demonstrated

Revolution, war and rebellion demonstrated the emotional power of mass politics and nationalism — the era's own events are the evidence for the claim.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State what Rousseau objected to and what he emphasised.

Solution 2.1

Method: Rousseau's objection

Worked steps

he objected to the exclusive reliance on reason **B1** and emphasised emotion in the moral improvement of self and society **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Explain why religious revival is placed alongside Romanticism.

Solution 2.2

Method: Religious revival

Worked steps

both privilege inner experience over the demonstrable **B1**, and the CED describes the revival as consistent with the Romantic movement **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

The CED says revolution and war “demonstrated” the emotional power of mass politics.

- (a) State what the verb implies.
- (b) State what the evidence is.

Solution 2.3

Method: What politics demonstrated

Worked steps

(a) that the events are the evidence for the claim **B1**. (b) revolution, war and rebellion of the preceding decades **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

Rousseau objected to reliance on reason that was

- A** partial
- B** exclusive
- C** mathematical
- D** foreign

Solution 3.1

Method: Rousseau's objection

A partial

B exclusive 

C mathematical

D foreign

Worked steps

B. reason as the only faculty is the target.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

The CED's word for Romanticism's relation to Enlightenment rationality is

A replacement

B challenge

C agreement

D ignorance

Solution 3.2

Method: Romanticism and reason

A replacement

B challenge



C agreement

D ignorance

Worked steps

B. challenge, not replacement.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 2 marks

A movement privileges inner experience over what can be demonstrated.

- (a) State which two developments share this feature.
- (b) Explain why they are treated together.

Solution 3.3

Method: Religious revival

Worked steps

(a) Romanticism **B1**; religious revival, including Methodism **B1**. (b) they share a temper — inner experience above the demonstrable **B1**.