

Exercise walk-through

The Concert of Europe and European Conservatism ■ 6.5

eXercise

You must be able to

- state the basis of the new conservative ideology
- explain the Concert's two methods
- explain why one premise justified both
- state what the objective's other verb requires

Method — The basis

Conservatives developed a **new** ideology in support of traditional political and religious authorities, based on the idea that human nature was not perfectible. It is an argument, not merely an inheritance.

Method — Two methods

The Concert of Europe sought to maintain the status quo through **collective action** between states and **adherence to conservatism** within them.

Method — One premise, two policies

If human nature is not perfectible, a scheme to perfect society is not merely mistaken but dangerous — which justifies domestic doctrine and international policing alike.

Method — The other verb

The objective asks how the order was maintained **and challenged**. This subtopic supplies maintenance; 6.6 and 6.7 supply the challenges.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State the basis of the new conservative ideology.

Solution 2.1

Method: The basis

Worked steps

support for traditional political and religious authorities **B1**, based on the idea that human nature was not perfectible **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State the Concert's two methods.

Solution 2.2

Method: Two methods

Worked steps

collective action between states **B1**; adherence to conservatism within them **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

One premise justifies both a domestic doctrine and an international policy.

- (a) State the premise.
- (b) Explain the connection.

Solution 2.3

Method: One premise, two policies

Worked steps

(a) that human nature is not perfectible **B1**. (b) a scheme to perfect society is then dangerous, whether pursued at home or abroad **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The CED calls the conservative ideology

- A** ancient
- B** new
- C** revolutionary
- D** liberal

Solution 3.1

A ancient

B new 

C revolutionary

D liberal

Worked steps

B. it is an argued position, not an inheritance.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

The objective's other verb, besides "maintained", is

A abolished

B challenged

C exported

D ignored

Solution 3.2

Method: The other verb

A abolished

B challenged



C exported

D ignored

Worked steps

B. the objective covers both.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A doctrine holds that human nature cannot be perfected.

- (a) State its view of schemes to improve society.
- (b) Explain why it treats every attempt as evidence.

Solution 3.3

Method: One premise, two policies

Worked steps

(a) that they are not merely mistaken but dangerous **B1**. (b) the doctrine predicts they will end badly **B1**, so any failure confirms it and no success is expected **B1**.