

Support or challenge

Below is a sample exam question that asks how far you agree with a specific statement.

Below this is a series of general statements that are relevant to the question. Use pages 15–32 of your textbook to decide whether each statement supports or challenges the main statement and tick the appropriate box.

'There was little to suggest that the German states would become unified in the period 1815–47'. How far do you agree with this statement?

	Support	Challenge
There was evidence by 1848 to suggest that most Germans supported German unification.		
The <i>Zollverein</i> encouraged German unification.		
Loyalty to individual states remained strong.		
Austrian and Prussian policies made unification unlikely.		
The growth of liberalism made unification likely.		
Railway development encouraged German unification.		
Metternich remained a major political figure throughout the period		
The German Confederation helped generate a sense of German-ness.		

In light of the evidence write a paragraph explaining how strong you think the demands for German unification were by 1848.

Analysing how important

Complete the table below to explain why there was pressure for German unification in the period 1815–48.

Explain each factor by re-reading pages 15–32.

Award a mark out of six for how important each factor was in preventing an improvement.

Explain why you gave the mark.

Reason	Why it was important	Mark out of six	Explanation
The growth of nationalism			
The growth of liberalism			
Economic developments			
The German Confederation			