



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 26.12.2023

Article link : [Link](#) (The Untold Story of Vienna's Global Influence)

1. On the basis of the nature of the relationship between the items in each pair below, choose the odd pair out:

- A. Early 20th century Vienna: golden age of security
- B. Aftermath of World War I: Gemeindebauten (social housing)
- C. 1930s Vienna: city of ghosts
- D. Period after 1938: neue Menschen (new people)

Explanation : D

All analogies except D are correct. The aftermath of World War I is associated with neue Menschen: 'That intellectual climate was severely curtailed—and forever changed—by the breakup of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in the aftermath of World War I. ...In their place came a radicalized environment in which thinkers and political leaders sought to use exact thinking to pursue social and political progress, improving conditions for the working class and building a society of neue Menschen ("new people") governed by reason.'

2. 20th century Vienna was marked by a commitment to all the following except:

- A. Exact thinking
- B. Embrace of political pluralism
- C. Shunning of intellectual heterodoxy
- D. Pursuit of interdisciplinary knowledge

Explanation: C

According to the article, 20th century Vienna saw the 'liberating embrace of intellectual heterodoxy'

3. According to the author, Austria is a country that "observers of European politics ignore at their own peril" as:

- A. It is a large country with a unique, open and cosmopolitan environment
- B. It often serves as a laboratory for political developments that pop up elsewhere, notably in Germany, years or decades later
- C. It has an atmosphere of intellectual tolerance so much so that every citizen of Vienna also becomes a supranational, cosmopolitan citizen of the world
- D. All the above

Explanation: B

Only option B is stated by the author. Options A and C are not related to the given statement.