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**Instructions:**

a) Noticing: underline what is not acceptable – focus on language [not content or organisation]

b) Correction: provide an acceptable version – if possible, above the line marked [No explanations, classification or assessment required ]

**Task:**

We have read an article that claims that people in the US are more patriotic than people on the “Old Continent“ and that this patriotism is a consequence of the history of the United States. What about patriotism here in Austria? Are we patriotic? Try to answer these questions and compare attitudes here with attitudes in the US for an article for our school magazine, suggest a headline.

## The good and the bad patriots

Many people in Austria **don't want to be (reject being?)** called patriots. They seem

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to think that being called a patriot is the same as being called a Nazi. **There is no denying that**

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a destructive form of patriotism was an essential part of the Nazi ideology. In **those** days it

was very important to be a “good” German and those **who** were not German were

discriminated **against** and made **responsible** (better: **blamed**) for everything that was bad,

such as crime, the bad **economic** situation, even diseases. In times of **economic** difficulties

patriotism **is often - abused**. However, I **do not believe** that there **is** any danger of such

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abuse in Austria right now.

Most Austrians are, in fact, quite proud of their country, **which is shown** by their enthusiasm for Austrian athletes, or **by buying the novels** by Austrian writers, ~~and so on~~. But only a small group of people **feel** superior **to** members of other nations or races.

**Comment [MSOffice4]:** sentence relative; see SW §497.2, 494.9

**Comment [E.P.5]:** can be seen in

**Comment [E.P.6]:** the popularity of novels written by Austrian writers...

**Comment [MSOffice7]:** [plural = correct; see SW § 389]

As far as our special relationship to Germany is concerned, I guess most Austrians believe now that Austria is an independent nation and **should** remain one. For more than fifty years we **have** now **had** **our** own government, **our** own foreign policy, and although we speak German, or **rather** Austrian German, the language we speak is not the same language **as** the language spoken in Germany.

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**Comment [MSOffice9]:** see SW § 104.2

Some people say that ~~the~~ Americans are better patriots than we are. I think that American patriotism is **completely** different from European patriotism. There is no doubt that ~~the~~ Americans have **developed** their special brand of patriotism. The USA was **founded** because many people were trying to escape political or religious **persecution** in their home countries. They wanted **the country that they had immigrated to to become** the first really democratic country **in** the world. So it seems quite logical that in America there is a form of patriotism that has nothing to do with language or tradition but is based on a certain spirit **that** is typical of this country. ~~The~~ **In general**, Americans are proud of their country because the

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US is the superpower that **defends** human rights all over the world. ~~And~~ The terrorist attacks of the recent past have made them even more patriotic than they used to be.

**Assessment:**

Task Achievement: 8/10

Organisation: 9/10

Range of Vocab and Grammar: 9/10

Accuracy: 7/10

Total: 33/40 ===== 83% Gut