

MATRICULATION AND SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS BOARD

SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE LEVEL 2019 MAIN SESSION

SUBJECT: **European Studies**PAPER NUMBER: I
DATE: 27th May 2019
TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 6:05 p.m.

Choose any **THREE** sections out of five and answer **ALL** the questions in the sections you have chosen. You may answer either in English or Maltese.

SECTION I - POWER AND PEOPLE

1.	(a) Define the term 'universal suffrage'.(b) Why is freedom of expression an important characteristic of a democratic society?(c) Active participation is a fundamental aspect of a democratic society. How can citiz be active participants in society?	(2) (4) zens (3)
2.	The European Court of Human Rights is a supranational court established by the Europe Convention on Human Rights. (a) Give a brief outline of the structure of this court. (b) Where is this Court situated?	an (4) (1)
3.	Give ONE example of each of the following: (a) a civil right;(b) an economic right;(c) a political right.	(1) (1) (1)
4.	(a) Define the term 'standard of living'.(b) What factors determine the standard of living of a country?(c) What does the acronym GDP stand for?	(2) (3) (1)
5.	(a) Mention THREE causes of regional conflict in Northern Ireland.(b) Name and explain TWO non-violent peace-making processes.	(3) (4)

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(Total: 30 marks)

SECTION II - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGES IN EUROPE

6.	A nation's economy can be divided into various sectors. (a) Identify the difference between the primary and secondary sector of production. (b) Give ONE example of each of these sectors from the local context.	(4) (2)
7.	List TWO main external trading partners of the European Union (EU).	(2)
8.	List THREE advantages for each of the following means of transport: (a) railways;(b) air transport;(c) motorways.	(3) (3) (3)
9.	Describe briefly the relationship between the EU and the Lomé Convention as a V trading bloc.	Vorld (6)
10.	(a) Mention THREE advantages of e-commerce.(b) How did e-commerce negatively impact traditional trading?	(3) (4)
	(Total: 30 ma	rks)
SEC	CTION III - DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL REALITIES	
11.	Define the following terms: (a) birth rate; (b) sparsely populated.	(1) (1)
12.	(a) Define 'push and pull factors' of migration.(b) List FIVE pull factors of migration.	(4) (5)
13.	Describe briefly FOUR effects of the Industrial Revolution in Europe.	(8)
14.	Define the following terms related to employment: (a) trade union; (b) collective bargaining; (c) freedom of association; (d) working conditions.	(2) (2) (2) (2)
15.	The Costa del Sol is a region in the south of Spain which is very popular among tour List THREE factors which give this region its popularity.	rists. (3)

(Total: 30 marks)

SECTION IV - EUROPEANS AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT

16.		(3) (3)
17.	(b) Describe THREE measures which are being taken by the governments of the	(2)
18.	Agriculture in industrialised countries has undergone significant changes. Describe negative impacts of modern farming practices on the environment.	the (6)
19.	Lapland is considered to be Europe's last wilderness. Discuss briefly the main characterist which make this region so popular among tourists.	tics (6)
20.	Mention FOUR initiatives through which European governments promote a healthy lifest among their citizens.	yle (4)
	(Total: 30 mark	ks)
SEC	CTION V - THE CULTURAL HERITAGE	
21.	Music is an expression of cultural heritage. Identify the characteristics which made music legends The Beatles and Led Zeppelin popular.	the (8)
22.	List FIVE factors which shape national identity, giving an example of each.	(5)
23.	(b) gunpowder;	(2) (2) (2)
24.	(b) fascism;(c) socialism;	(2) (2) (2) (2)
25.	Identify THREE cultural aspects of contemporary Europe that have been highly influence by North America.	ced (3)

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SUBJECT: European Studies

PAPER NUMBER: IIA

DATE: 31st May 2019

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

Choose any **FOUR** questions from at least **THREE** different sections. You may answer either in English or Maltese.

SECTION I - POWER AND PEOPLE

- 1. The European Union (EU) has evolved considerably throughout the years. Describe the major landmarks in the history of the European Economic Community (EEC) and the European Union (EU). (20)
- 2. The European Union (EU) has seven institutions, which have different levels and types of power as well as different manners of being formed. At this stage in the European Union's development, only one of these institutions is directly elected by European citizens, namely the European Parliament. Discuss the evolution, structure and role of this institution. (20)

SECTION II - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGES IN EUROPE

- 3. Transnational companies have gained popularity in recent decades. They play an increasingly dominant role in the world economy and influence global policymaking. Discuss the growth story of a local transnational company from the leisure industry. (20)
- 4. Protectionism is the economic policy of restraining imports from other countries. Discuss. (20)

SECTION III - DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL REALITIES

- 5. Life expectancy in European countries has increased significantly in recent years. Discuss the effects of a longer life span on the life of Europeans. (20)
- 6. "Imagine all the people living life in peace" (John Lennon). Discuss the new challenges of a multicultural society. (20)

SECTION IV - EUROPEANS AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT

- 7. Water pollution is a major threat to humankind. Discuss the causes of water pollution in European rivers and seas. (20)
- 8. Health is often defined as the ability to manage physical, mental and social challenges throughout life. Discuss the current situation of health standards in Europe. (20)

SECTION V - THE CULTURAL HERITAGE

- 9. The Islamic world highly contributed towards several aspects of Medieval Europe. Identify and discuss the cultural areas influenced by the Islamic world. (20)
- 10. The development of technology has been vital to the growth of globalisation. Identify and discuss the ways in which media has affected globalisation in Europe. (20)



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TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.

Choose any **FOUR** questions from at least **THREE** different sections. You may answer either in English or Maltese.

1. (a) What led to the establishment of the European Coal and Steel Community?

(b) Name **TWO** founding fathers of the European Union (EU).

SECTION I - POWER AND PEOPLE

(c) Mention THREE treaties which came into force throughout the history of European integration and discuss their outcomes. (9)(d) In which year did Malta join the European Union (EU)? Name THREE other countries that joined the European Union (EU) in the same year. (4) (Total: 20 marks) 2. Discuss the roles and structure of the following European Union (EU) institutions: (a) the European Commission; (5) (5)(b) the European Parliament; (c) the Council of the European Union; (5)(d) the Court of Justice of the European Communities. (5)

(Total: 20 marks)

(5)

(2)

SECTION II - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGES IN EUROPE

- 3. The growth in the number and size of transnational companies in recent decades is a highly debated topic due to these companies' economic and political power.
 - (a) Define the term 'transnational company'. (3)
 - (b) Give **FOUR** examples of transnational companies which operate both in Malta and overseas. (4)
 - (c) One of the advantages of transnational companies is the opportunity to operate in countries where labour is not so expensive. Name FIVE other advantages for transnational companies.
 (5)
 - (d) Despite their many advantages, transnational companies also have economic and environmental impacts which are of a disadvantage to the host countries. Name FIVE negative effects of transnational companies.
 - (e) STMicroelectronics is a French-Italian company which has its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. What type of products are manufactured by this company? (3)

(Total: 20 marks) *Please turn the page.*

	(a) protectionism;	(4)
	(b) cartels;	(4)
	(c) fair trade;	(4)
	(d) subsidies;	(4)
	(e) e-commerce.	(4)
		(Total: 20 marks)
SE	CTION III - DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL REALITIES	
5.	 In recent years, life expectancy has increased significantly in European (a) Define the term 'life expectancy'. (b) Describe briefly THREE of the factors which have contributed to expectancy. (c) Discuss THREE effects of this increase in life expectancy. 	(2)
		(Total: 20 marks)
6.	(a) "Imagine all the people living life in peace" (John Lennon). Ho interfere with the possibility of peaceful integration between cultures?	•
	(b) Define the following terms associated with migration and diversity:	(2)
	(i) multiculturalism;	(2)
	(ii) sub-culture;	(2)
	(iii) ethnic minority; (iv) racial prejudice;	(2)
	(v) mainstream culture.	(2) (2)
		(Total: 20 marks)
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SE	CTION IV - EUROPEANS AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT	
7.	Water pollution is a major threat to Europeans.	
	(a) Name briefly FOUR causes of water pollution in Europe.	(12)
	(b) Briefly discuss the measures taken by the European Union to mi	nimise the impact of
	water pollution on the environment.	(8)
		(Total: 20 marks)
8.	(a) Define the following terms in relation to health standards in Europe	
	(i) level of hygiene;	(3)
	(ii) prevalent diseases;	(3)
	(iii) disease prevention;	(3)
	(iv) medical services.	(3)
	(b) Mention FOUR benefits of a healthy diet towards a better quality of	f life. (8)
		(Total: 20 marks)

4. Briefly explain the meaning of the following terminology in relation to trade and commerce:

SECTION V - THE CULTURAL HERITAGE

9.	The Islamic world highly contributed towards several aspects of Medieval Europe.	Briefly
	describe the Islamic influence on Europe in each of the following areas:	

(a)) mathematics;	(4)
(b)) medicine;	(4)
(c)	architecture;	(4)
(d)) literature;	(4)
(e)) language.	(4)

(Total: 20 marks)

10. (a) The media has played a major role in the process of globalisation in Europe. Elaborate on this statement. (8)

(b) Discuss **FOUR** effects of globalisation in Europe. (12)

(Total: 20 marks)