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SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE LEVEL 2022 MAIN SESSION

SUBJECT: **European Studies** PAPER NUMBER: 27th May 2022 DATE: TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. Choose any **THREE** sections out of five and answer **ALL** the questions in the sections you have chosen. **SECTION I - POWER AND PEOPLE** 1. (a) Name the **THREE** European Union institutions that are responsible for EU legislation. (3) (b) Elaborate on **TWO** major roles of **each** one of these institutions. (6) 2. Explain the meaning of the following terms: (2) (a) universal suffrage; (b) representative democracy; and (2)(c) subsidiarity. (2)3. Identify **FOUR** ways by which the levels of wealth and poverty in Europe are measured. (4) Mention **FOUR** categories of people who receive welfare benefits. (2)4. Name and explain **THREE** challenges to the sustainability of the welfare state. (9)(Total: 30 marks) SECTION II - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGES IN EUROPE 6. Commerce is considered essential for economic development. Explain the meaning of the following related terms: (a) protectionism; (3)(b) cartel; and (3)(c) fair-trade. (3)7. (a) When was the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) set up? (1)(b) Identify and explain **FOUR** main aims of the CAP. (8)8. Until the end of the last century, forests in Scandinavia were regarded as an inexhaustible resource. However, this situation has changed, with Scandinavian forestry now being subject to legislation that balances production and environmental aims. Discuss **THREE** measures which are meant to achieve sustainable forestry. (6) 9. Explain the meaning of the term 'transnational corporations'. (2)

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(Total: 30 marks)

10. Name **FOUR** advantages of transnational corporations for the countries from which they

SECTION III - DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL REALITIES

11.	Briefly explain the terms related to population which are listed below: (a) birth rate;(b) death rate; and(c) low population density.	(3) (3) (3)	
12.	Why did Europe experience population decline in the 20^{th} century? Give TWO reasons.	(4)	
13.	Discuss THREE effects of urbanisation on the social conditions of Europeans.	(6)	
14.	What led to the Industrial Revolution and how did it change European society?	(6)	
15.	Mention a holiday destination in Europe and highlight TWO attractions. (Total: 30 mar	(5) 'ks)	
SEC	CTION IV - EUROPEANS AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT		
16.	Explain the environmental impact of the following: (a) intensive farming; (b) industry; and (c) mass tourism.	(3) (3) (3)	
17.	Mention THREE methods how Malta can use water sustainably.	(6)	
18.	Discuss the conflict of interest between environmental conservation and development in the Mediterranean region. (8		
19.	If the current European generation is not going to use the available resources wisely, fur generations will pay the price. Discuss. (Total: 30 mar	(7)	
SEC	CTION V - THE CULTURAL HERITAGE		
20.	Explain the role of each of the following factors in the formation of national identity: (a) culture; (b) national frontiers; and (c) myths.	(3) (3) (3)	
21.	Both world wars left a lasting impact on Europe and the world. Describe THREE m developments in Europe that were a direct consequence of these conflicts.	ajor (6)	
22.	The pop band One Direction was formed in 2010, becoming very successful for their charm and catchy songs. Discuss. (4		
23.	Discuss how printing and the steam engine revolutionised European civilisation.	(6)	
24.	Name TWO American fast food chains that are in Malta and Europe.	(2)	
25.	What role did Arabic scientists play in the diffusion of Mathematics in Europe? (Total: 30 mar	(3) r ks)	



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SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE LEVEL 2022 MAIN SESSION

SUBJECT: European Studies

PAPER NUMBER: IIA

DATE: 30th May 2022

TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 6:05 p.m.

Choose any **FOUR** questions from at least **THREE** different sections.

SECTION I - POWER AND PEOPLE

- 1. The Council of Europe is proactive in terms of the protection and promotion of human rights.

 Discuss. (20)
- 2. Structural violence leads to unequal opportunities in fulfilling human needs. Discuss. (20)

SECTION II - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGES IN EUROPE

- 3. As a result of the growing popularity of the internet, purchasing goods and online services has become a common practice among people around the world. Discuss the advantages of e-commerce as opposed to traditional in-store shopping. (20)
- 4. Sweden invests heavily in research and development (R&D) and it is considered as a pioneer of innovation. Discuss. (20)

SECTION III - DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL REALITIES

- 5. As life expectancy increases so do the opportunities and the challenges for the elderly, their families, and the societies to which they belong. Discuss. (20)
- 6. Technology is transforming the world of work, creating both opportunities and insecurities.

 Discuss. (20)

SECTION IV - EUROPEANS AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT

- 7. Discuss the negative impacts on the Mediterranean Sea as a result of human activity. (20)
- 8. Water is life, sustaining ecosystems and regulating our climate. However, even though water is valuable, it is a scarce resource. Discuss. (20)

SECTION V - THE CULTURAL HERITAGE

- 9. In what ways was European political thought influenced by the ideologies of liberalism and socialism? (20)
- 10. The ruins of classical temples and open-air theatres built in the Ancient World are testament to the engineering and architectural capabilities of the time. Discuss with reference to the Parthenon and the Colosseum. (20)



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SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE LEVEL **2022 MAIN SESSION**

SUBJECT: **European Studies** PAPER NUMBER:

30th May 2022 DATE:

4:00 p.m. to 6:05 p.m. TIME:

Choose any **FOUR** questions from at least **THREE** different sections.

SECTION I - POWER AND PEOPLE

1.	` '	When was the Council of Europe established? How many member states are there in this organisation? Protecting and promoting human rights is one of the main aims of the	(1) (1) he Council of Europe.		
	• •	Discuss.	(12)		
	(d)	What is the role of the European Court of Human Rights?	(5)		
	(e)	Where is this Court situated?	(1)		
			(Total: 20 marks)		
2.	(a)	Define the term 'structural violence'.	(4)		
	(b)	Poverty can be described as a form of structural violence. Discuss.	(12)		
	(c)	Name and describe TWO other forms of structural violence.	(4)		
			(Total: 20 marks)		
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SECTION II - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CHANGES IN EUROPE

- (a) Define the term 'e-commerce'. (3)(b) Which technology led to the creation of e-commerce? (1)(c) The rise of e-commerce has changed the business environment. Briefly discuss the impact of e-commerce on traditional trading. (8)(d) Name **FOUR** advantages of e-commerce for the seller. (4)(e) Name **FOUR** disadvantages of e-commerce for the consumer. (4)(Total: 20 marks)
- (a) Give **FOUR** examples of jobs in the tertiary sector in Europe.
 - (b) The information technology (IT) industry in Malta has been on the rise for almost three decades. Discuss with reference to SmartCity Malta.
 - (c) The European Commission has stated that the intensity of research and development (R&D) in Sweden is above EU average. Discuss the importance of R&D to Sweden's economy. (10)

(Total: 20 marks)

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SECTION III - DEMOGRAPHIC AND SOCIAL REALITIES

5.	(a)	Give the meaning of the following terms in relation to population studies:
		(i) dependency ratio; (3)
		(ii) life expectancy; and (3)
		(iii) infant mortality rate. (3)
	(b)	Population ageing can be defined as a process in which the proportion of adults and
		elderly increases, while the proportion of children and adolescents decreases. Briefly
		discuss the effects of a longer life span on Europeans and on the societies in which they
		live. (10)
	(c)	Name TWO European countries which are densely populated. (1)
		(Total: 20 marks)
6.	(a)	Name FOUR job opportunities resulting from recent advancements in information
		technology (IT). (2)
	(b)	While technological advancement has led to the creation of new job opportunities, it has
		also resulted in the loss of a number of jobs. Discuss. (10)
	(c)	Define the term 'unemployment rate'. (2)
	(d)	Name THREE measures taken by European governments to reduce unemployment. (6)
		(Total: 20 marks)
SEC	CTIC	ON IV - EUROPEANS AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT
7.	(a)	Give the meaning of the following words or phrases:
	(=)	(i) wetlands; (3)
		(ii) sustainable development; and (3)
		(iii) environmental conservation. (3)
	(b)	Briefly explain THREE threats to the Mediterranean Sea resulting from human activities.
	• •	(6)
	(c)	Name TWO main aims of the Blue Plan. (5)
	` ,	(Total: 20 marks)
8.	(a)	The uneven distribution of water supply across Europe is heavily dictated by the
	` ,	continent's geography and climate. Water shortages are definitely an issue in countries
		like Spain. Discuss. (12)
	(b)	Mention THREE measures which are taken by European governments to minimise the
		problem of water shortage. (6)
	(c)	Mention FOUR uses for water. (2)
		(Total: 20 marks)
SEC	CTIC	ON V – THE CULTURAL HERITAGE
9.	(a)	Identify THREE distinctive features for each of the following ideologies:
٦.	(a)	(i) liberalism; (3)
		(ii) socialism; and (3)
		(iii) communism. (3)
	(h)	Name the philosopher credited with shaping the idea of liberalism, and explain one of
	(~)	their main contribution to the ideology. (5)
	(c)	Explain why the Enlightenment is commonly referred to as the Age of Reason. (4)
		Name TWO important thinkers/philosophes of the Enlightenment period. (2)
	- *	(Total: 20 marks)

10. (a) Built in the 5th century B.C., the Parthenon was a symbol of the power, wealth and culture of Athens. Discuss why the Parthenon is a symbol of the European cultural heritage.

(12)
(b) The Colosseum is famous for being the world's largest amphitheatre.
(i) Where is the Colosseum located?
(ii) Name TWO main uses of this colossal building.
(2)
(iii) Briefly describe the architecture of this important amphitheatre.
(3)
(c) Name TWO important works of Caravaggio.

(Total: 20 marks)