

Annual Examinations for Secondary Schools 2022

YEAR 9	EUROPEAN STUDIES	TIME: 1h 30min
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Name: _____

Class: _____

This examination paper consists of TWO parts, Part I and Part II. Candidates are to attempt BOTH parts and to read carefully the instructions within each part.

PART I

(Total: 60 marks)

Choose any THREE sections from Part I and answer ALL the questions in the chosen sections.

Section 1 – Power and People

1. Define the term 'democracy'.

(3 marks)

2. Democracy was first practiced in the Greek city of Athens around the fifth century B.C.E. The Athenian model of democracy was a form of direct democracy. Outline the difference between direct and representative democracy.

(4 marks)

3. Why is a referendum considered to be an example of direct democracy?

(2 marks)

4. One of the most basic principles of a democracy is citizen participation. Name **SIX** ways in which citizens can actively participate in their society.

i. _____

ii. _____

iii. _____

iv. _____

v. _____

vi. _____

(3 marks)

5. Why is the rule of law considered to be a fundamental part of a democratic society?

(3 marks)

6. The key to the exercise of democracy is the election process. Discuss.

(5 marks)

Section 2 – Economic Development and Changes in Europe

1. Define the following terms.

- i. Trade gap

ii. Quaternary sector

iii. Quota

iv. Subsidy

v. Cartel

(2 marks each)

2. Heathrow Airport is an important international airport both in terms of commercial flights and air freight capacity. Discuss.

[illegible]

Section 3 – Demographic and Social Realities

1. Define the term 'life expectancy'.

(2 marks)

2. How is life expectancy of a country calculated?

(2 marks)

3. Account for the reasons why life expectancy has increased in Europe in recent decades.

(6 marks)

4. Almost every country in the world is experiencing growth in the number and proportion of older persons in their population. Discuss the implications and effects of a longer life span.

[illegible]

Section 4 – Europeans and their Environment

1. Name **FOUR** sources of pollution for each of these two environments.

a. Air

ii. _____

(2 marks)

b. Land

(2 marks)

2. Define the term 'wetland'.

(3 marks)

3. Account for the reasons why the Camargue in France is often referred to as a 'disappearing wetland'?

(7 marks)

4. Name **FOUR** islands located in the Mediterranean.

(2 marks)

5. Name **FOUR** mountain chains found in Europe.

(2 marks)

6. Name **FOUR** major rivers in Europe.

(2 marks)

Section 5 – The Cultural Heritage

1. The Maltese identity is largely linked to its Christian roots. Discuss the importance of religion as one of the factors which shapes our national identity.

[illegible]

2. Name **FOUR** other factors, besides religion, that determine the national identity of a country.

(2 marks)

3. Define the term 'Renaissance'.

(3 marks)

4. Name **THREE** important works of the Renaissance period.

- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. _____

(3 marks)

PART II

Answer any TWO questions in essay form.

Section 1 – Power and People

The European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union, often referred to as the EU's 'institutional triangle', are the three main institutions involved in EU legislation. Discuss the main roles of these institutions.

(20 marks)

Section 2 – Economic Development and Changes in Europe

Social distancing, lockdowns and other measures taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic have led to an increase in online shopping. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of online shopping to the consumers.

(20 marks)

Section 3 – Demographic and Social Realities

The size of the population is determined by past and present birth rates and death rates as well as by migration trends. Discuss.

(20 marks)

Section 4 – Europeans and their Environment

The Mediterranean Sea is the largest inland sea in the world and one of the most interesting natural wonders of the planet. Yet, despite efforts to clean up the sea, it remains one of the most polluted oceans on Earth. Discuss.

(20 marks)

Section 5 – The Cultural Heritage

The internet has helped facilitate globalisation since it allows individuals and businesses to interact across borders. Discuss.

(20 marks)