

EUROPEAN STUDIES COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION
EUROPEAN POLITICAL ECONOMIES

TIME ALLOWED: FOUR (4) HOURS

ANSWER FOUR (4) OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. How do electoral systems influence party systems in Britain, France and Germany?
2. Why is right-wing extremism on the rise in Western Europe?
3. "German unification pulled the French into Europe and pushed the British away." Discuss.
4. "Corruption is more of a problem in southern Europe than in northern Europe." Discuss.
5. Why did the European monetary system succeed while the European snake mechanism did not?
6. Who was most responsible for the relaunching of Europe in the mid-1980s?
7. Are strong political parties essential for economic liberalization in Central and Eastern Europe?
8. How has NATO enlargement strengthened democracy in Central and Eastern Europe?