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COMPARATIVE EUROPEAN POLITICS

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**For students on all programmes in the
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS**

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Answer THREE of the following TEN questions in 2 HOURS

1. Outline the main factors that lay behind moves towards European integration in the late 1950s.
2. What factors led to the post-war economic boom in Europe?
3. What are the relative merits/ defects of Proportional Representation and First Past the Post as electoral systems?
4. Does the 'catch-all party' thesis explain the dynamics of European electoral politics since the 1950s?
5. Explain the cyclical revivals of neo-fascist parties in Italy, France and Germany/ Austria since the 1950s.
6. Compare and contrast the process of decolonisation and immigration in Britain and France.
7. Why have regionalism and federalism become important influences in European politics?
8. To what extent are 'New Social Movements' a coherent political phenomenon?
9. 'Communism as an ideology ceased to have relevance in European politics after the fall of the Berlin Wall'. Discuss.
10. How important are cleavages such as sex, ethnicity and class in determining electoral politics in Europe?