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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 (2 hours)

1. What led to the rapid end of the Cold War in the late 1980s/early 1990s?
2. Which has played a greater role in the process of European integration: National Interests or Federalism?
3. What effects have cleavages such as ethnicity, sex and class had on post-war European politics (refer to at least 2 examples)?
4. 'The gap between Christian Democracy and Social Democracy has narrowed so much as to make them indistinguishable.' Discuss.
5. How significant a role have New Social Movements played in European politics since the 1960s?
6. 'Decolonisation and immigration have transformed post-war European politics'. Discuss with reference to at least 2 examples.
7. Are federalism and proportional representation important in determining national politics? Discuss with reference to 2 examples.
8. How has the welfare state evolved in Europe since its post-war foundations? Discuss with reference to 2 examples.
9. What are the prospects for the far right and the far left in Europe in the 21st Century?
10. What are the relative merits/ defects of proportional/ majority voting systems?