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## EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

*For the following qualifications :-*

B.A.

### **MES 201: European Integration in Historical Perspective**

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## MES 0201 EUROPEAN INTEGRATION IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

- Answer ONE question from Section A and ONE question from Section B.
- Do NOT answer a question on the topic of your assessed course essay.
- Do NOT draw substantially on the same material for more than one answer.

### SECTION A

1. 'The label "totalitarian" confuses more than it clarifies.' Discuss with reference to the Soviet Union under Stalin.
2. Give a critical assessment of the impact of the Cold War on politics in West Germany between 1945 and 1990.
3. 'Serbian nationalism during the 1980s and 1990s was a distinctly modern phenomenon which had little to do with the legacies of the Tito era, the Second World War, or any previous historical period.' Discuss.
4. Account for the strengths and weaknesses of Christian Democracy in Italy between 1945 and 1994.
5. 'Given the relative strength of the United Kingdom's economy in the immediate postwar period, it experienced a remarkable rate of growth in the following decades, which was produced, above all, by the expansion of world trade.' Discuss with reference to the period between 1945 and 1997.
6. Give a critical assessment of the relationship between economic, social and political conflict in France during the period 1945-70.

### SECTION B

7. 'The domestic politics of individual European states were usually subordinated to the international politics of the Cold War during the period between 1945 and 1989.' Discuss with reference to TWO European countries which you have studied.
8. To what extent did TWO European countries which you have studied experience a resurgence of nationalism, and why? You may refer to specific periods, or to the whole of the period between 1945 and the present.

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9. 'The idea that states largely "engineered" economic growth after the Second World War is highly misleading.' Discuss this interpretation of the period between 1945 and 1973 with reference to TWO European countries which you have studied.
10. To what extent have political parties and systems of government converged since 1945 in TWO European countries which you have studied, and why?
11. Compare and contrast the consequences of social change in TWO European countries which you have studied. You may refer to a specific period, or to the whole of the period between 1945 and the present.
12. 'States have followed the dictates of national interest rather than pursuing European integration for its own sake.' Discuss this interpretation of the period between 1945 and 1992 with reference to TWO European countries which you have studied.

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