

Exam Preparation/ Revision

The Contemporary European Union
15 December 2011

Exam

- Must answer two from four questions: one from Section A and one from Section B.
- Two hours to complete exam.
- TAKE YOUR TIME
- READ THE QUESTION

Exam

- In general three things are being tested:
 - (1) your knowledge of the course content (both topic content and skill content where relevant)
 - (2) your ability to present it logically, coherently and succinctly
 - (3) that you can answer the question set (and not another question you wish was set!!) within a specific time limit.

Exam

- i) Select question
- ii) Analyse the question
- iii) Identify the content elements you need
- iv) Plan your answer
- v) Write your essay
- vi) Review your answer

Approximate time allocation:

i) to iv): 20% (15m) v): 75% (40m) vi): 5% (5m)

Course Recap

Basics

1/2. The EU as a Political Actor; overview of EU external activity

3/4. Theories of European Integration; actorness and identity of the EU

Course Recap

Concepts

5. Democracy and legitimacy in the EU

6. Governance and bureaucracy, institutions and ideas.

7. New methods of governance and the EU

Course Recap

Cases

8/9. EU's role in International Institutions.

10. International security / humanitarian aid.

11. Enlargement of the EU: where do the borders lie?

Compulsory Literature

- Rosamond. Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5.
- Bretherton / Vogler. Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 (plus six...)
- Other literature mentioned in the course syllabus underneath each lecture.

Sample Question

- Is the EU's CSDP really 'Common'? Justify your argument with reference to different cases, where appropriate.

Sample Question (2)

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- Step ii - analyse question:

Sample Question: Task

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Sample Question: Task

- Is the EU's CSDP really 'Common'? **Justify your argument** with reference to different cases, where appropriate.

Sample Question: Task

- Is the EU's CFSP really 'Common'? **Justify your argument** with reference to **different cases**, where appropriate.

Sample Question: Content

Step iii)

- Is the EU's CSDP really 'Common'? Justify your argument with reference to different cases, where appropriate.

Sample Question: Content

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Sample Question: Plan

- Step iv)
- Key elements:
 - define argument
 - explain EU CSDP
 - outline argument in greater detail
 - use cases
 - conclude

Sample Question (2)

- Compare and contrast the EU's activity in the fields of Environment and Security: is one more effective than another?