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Politics of the European Union

Wednesday, 7 June 2006 : 2.30pm to 5.30pm

Candidates should answer **FOUR** of the following **TWELVE** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

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1. 'Without the Cold War there would have been no European Communities'. Discuss.
2. Why did the Single European Act happen?
3. 'The adoption of the single currency was above all an economic decision'. Comment.
4. To what extent does the Council of Ministers outweigh the European Commission in setting the policy agenda?
5. 'The European Commission has escaped the control of member states'. Comment.
6. 'The European Parliament is at the heart of the EU decision-making process'. Discuss.
7. What explains the power of the European Court of Justice?
8. Why has the debate surrounding the EU constitutional treaty been so controversial?
9. Examine the extent to which 'good fit' explains the implementation record of Directives by EU member states.
10. 'Treaty reforms since the early 1990s have increased rather than decreased the "democratic deficit."' Comment.
11. 'National interest groups dominate EU lobbying'. Discuss.
12. 'Intergovernmentalism has no relevance whatsoever for explaining European integration'. Comment.

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