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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. To what extent do economic factors explain the origins of the European Communities?
2. 'The Single European Act was the result of transnational business lobbying'. Discuss.
3. Why did the Member States agree on the key aspects of the Maastricht Treaty?
4. 'The European Commission's agenda-setting power cannot be overestimated. It overshadows any other EU institution in setting the policy agenda.' Discuss.
5. 'The European Commission is an instrument of member state interests'. Comment.
6. 'The European Parliament's powers of holding the European Commission accountable are at best symbolic, they lack any substance.' Comment.
7. 'The power of the European Court of Justice is defined by member states.' Discuss.
8. Explain the ways in which EU law is important.
9. Examine why member states fail to comply with EU law.
10. 'The legitimacy problems of the EU cannot be solved by changing Treaties'. Comment.
11. 'EU policy-making is always determined by transnational business groups'. Discuss.
12. 'Neofunctionalism is still the best way to explain European integration'. Discuss.

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