

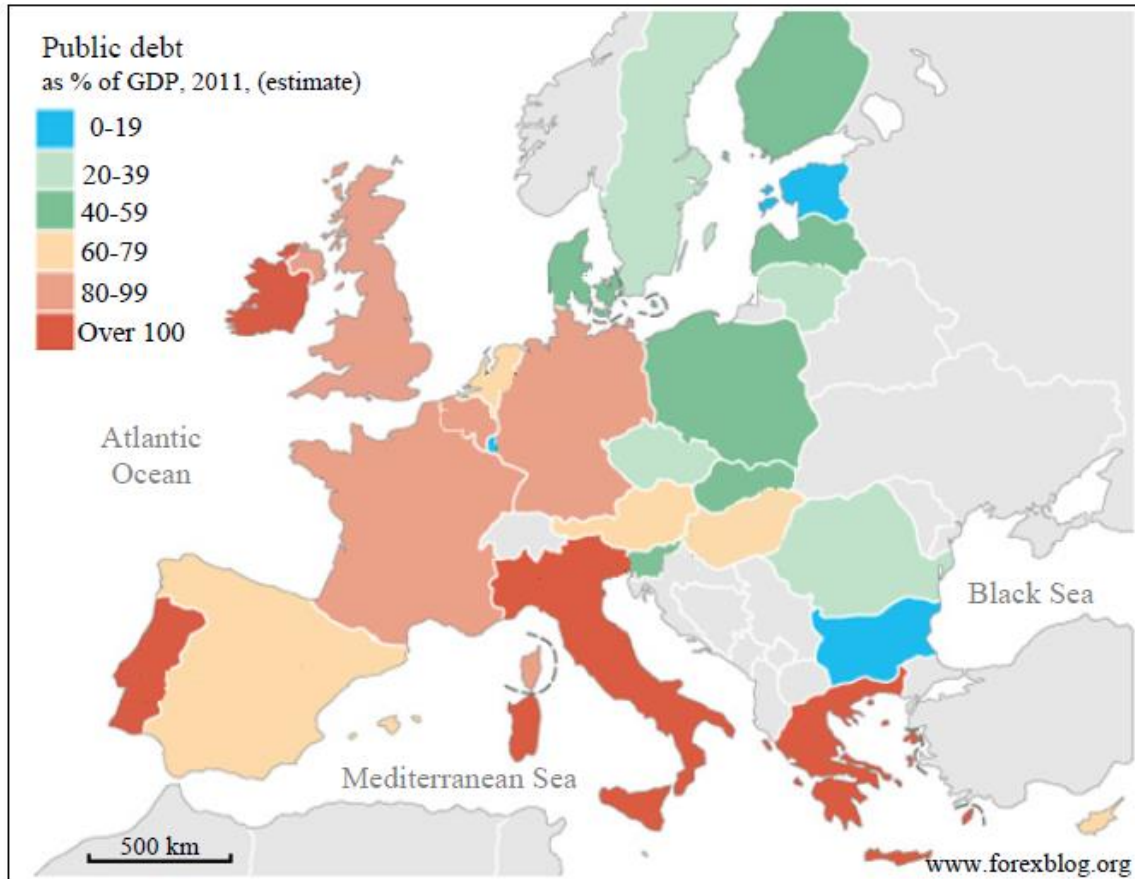


Economic – European Union
Geography past Exam Questions
Higher Level

2013

Part 1 – Q9

9. European Economy



Examine the map of Europe above showing public debt as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for 2011 (estimate) and state whether each of the following statements are true or false by ticking the correct box.

(i) Four EU member states had a public debt of over 100% of GDP in 2011.

True False

(ii) Portugal had a public debt of between 80-99% of GDP in 2011.

True False

(iii) Poland and Denmark had the same public debt as a percentage of GDP in 2011.

True False

(iv) Spain, Austria and Hungary had a public debt of 60-79% of GDP in 2011.

True False

[8m]

Section 2 Q7 C

C. European Union

Examine the impact of membership of the European Union on the Irish economy.

[30m]

2012

Section 2 – Q7 C

European Union Policy

Examine how European Union policy influences regional development in Ireland.

[30m]

2011

Section 2 Q9 C

C. European Union

Examine the impact of any **one** European Union policy on the Irish economy.

[30m]

2010

Section 2 – Q9 B

B. European Union Policy

Examine how any **one** major policy of the European Union has influenced Ireland's economic development.

[30m]

2009

Section 1 – Q5 B

B. EUROPEAN UNION

Describe and explain **two** impacts on Ireland of the enlargement of the European Union.

[30m]

Section 2 – Q9 C

C. EUROPEAN UNION

Examine the importance of any **one** of the following to the development of the Irish economy:

- Common Agricultural Policy
- Common Fisheries Policy
- Regional Development Funds
- Social Funding.

[30m]

2008

Section 2 – Q7 A

A. EU UNEMPLOYMENT RATES – JULY 2007

Ireland	4.7%
Germany	6.4%
United Kingdom	5.3%
Poland	9.7%
France	8.5%

Examine the data in the table above, which shows the rate of unemployment in selected countries of the European Union in July 2007.

Using **graph paper**, draw a suitable graph to illustrate the data.

[20m]

Q9 B

B. EUROPEAN UNION POLICIES

Examine **one example** of how the policies of the European Union have influenced Ireland's economic development.

[30m]

2007

Section 2 – Q7 A

A GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

Examine the table below showing the GDP of selected countries in the European Union (EU).

Denmark	€27,000
Hungary	€14,000
Ireland	€31,000
Poland	€11,000
Spain	€21,000
United Kingdom	€26,000

Source: www.forfas.ie

Using graph paper, draw a graph suitable to illustrate this data.

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Q9 C

C EUROPEAN UNION POLICIES

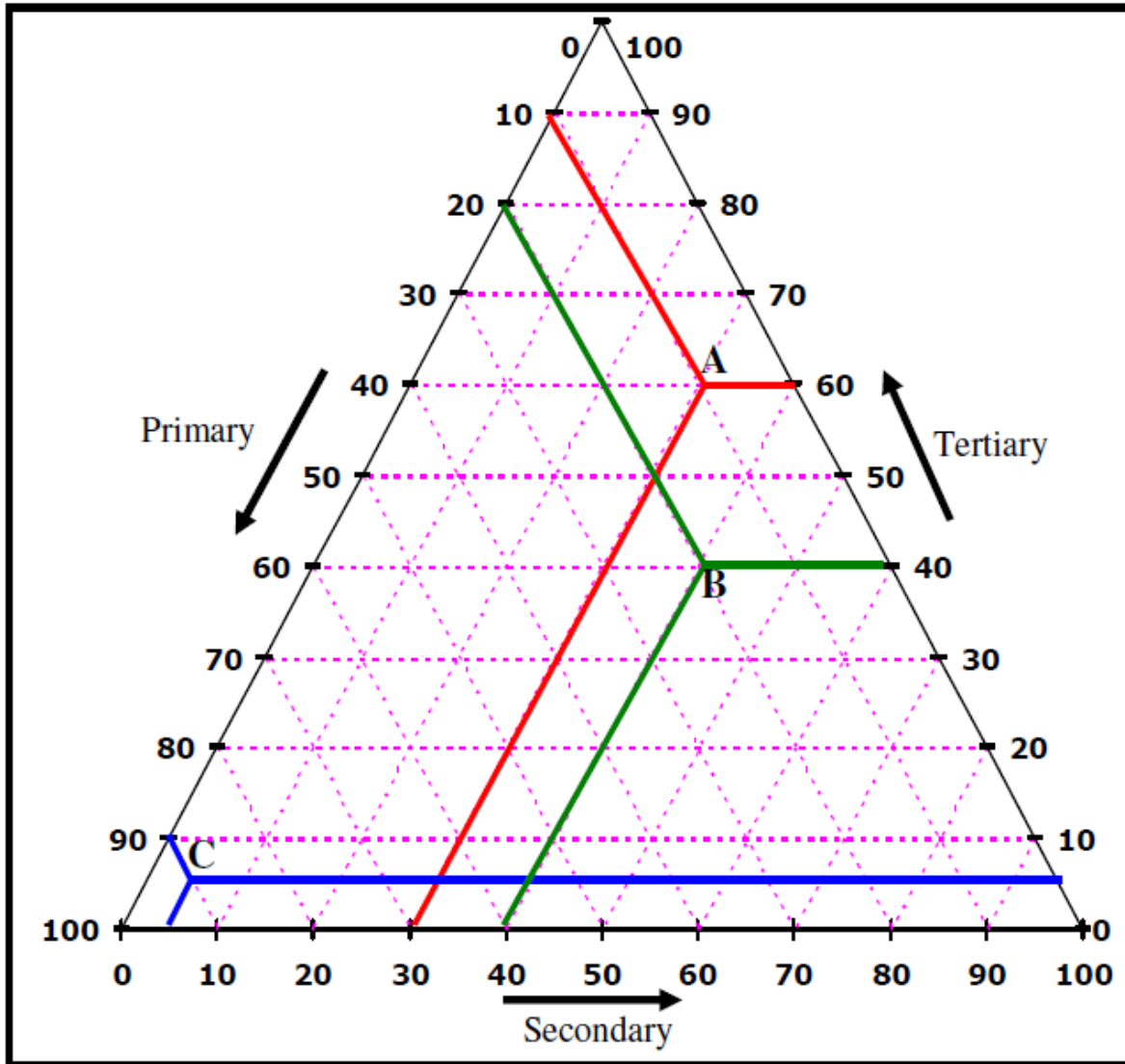
Examine the impacts of any **two** European Union policies on the Irish economy

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2006

Part 1 – Q2

2 Employment Structure



Examine the triangular graph which shows the employment structure in three countries, A, B and C. Complete the table below.

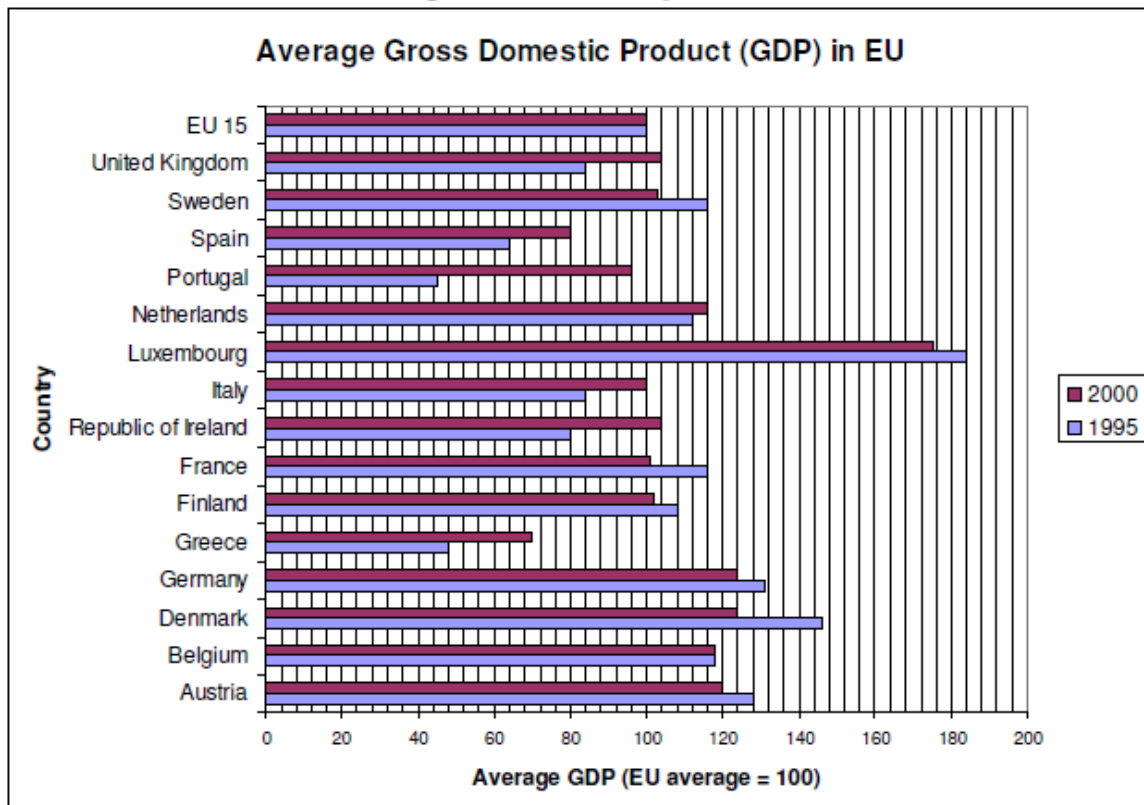
Employment structure	Country
Primary 20%, Secondary 40%, Tertiary 40%	
Primary 90%, Secondary 5%, Tertiary 5%	
Primary 10%, Secondary 30%, Tertiary 60%	
Which country would appear to have the most developed economy?	

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Section 2 – Q7 A

A GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

Examine the table below, showing GDP in the European Union



Answer the following questions in your answer-book:

- (i) Which country had the highest average GDP in both 1995 and 2000?
- (ii) Which country had an average GDP that did not change from 1995 to 2000?
- (iii) How many countries had an average GDP lower than the EU average in 2000?
- (iv) By how many points did Ireland increase its GDP between 1995 and 2000?

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Q7 B

B EUROPEAN UNION POLICIES

Examine how European Union policies have influenced the development of any **one** sector of the Irish economy. **[30m]**