



The EU – Institutions & Policies
Business Past Exam Questions
Higher Level

2013

Section 1 - Question 9

9. Distinguish between a '*Directive*' and a '*Regulation*' as legislative instruments within the EU.

Section 3 - Question 3

(A) Read the information below, supplied by the CSO and answer the questions which follow:



	Balance of Trade	Balance of Invisible Trade
	€m	€m
Quarter 2, 2012	10,004	(6,769) deficit
Quarter 2, 2011	9,660	(9,192) deficit

- (i) Explain the terms 'Balance of Trade' and 'Balance of Payments'.
(ii) Calculate the Balance of Payments figures for both years from the above data.
(iii) Illustrate what is meant by the term 'invisible exports' with reference to the Irish economy. (20 marks)
- (B) Discuss the opportunities **and** challenges for large indigenous companies, such as Kerry Group plc, in exporting to non EU countries. (20 marks)
- (C)

Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union is an opportunity to play an active part in shaping Europe's future.

- Discuss the benefits for the Irish economy of on-going membership of the EU. (20 marks)
- (60 marks)

2012

Section 3 - Question 3B

- (B) *“Protectionism is a Government policy of placing barriers on free trade.”*
Describe, using examples, barriers to free trade between countries.

(20 marks)

Section 3 - Question 3C

- (C) Discuss the role of the Council of the European Union (Council of Ministers) and the European Commission in the European Union (EU) decision making process.

(20 marks)

2011

Section 3 - Question 3C

- (C) Evaluate the role of 'special interest groups' in the decision making process of the European Union (EU). Use examples to support your answer.

(15 marks)

2010

Section 3 - Question 3C

4. **Column 1** is a list of EU Institutions. **Column 2** is a list of possible explanations of these institutions. *(One explanation does not relate to any of the institutions)*

Column 1 – Terms	Column 2 – Explanations
1. European Parliament	A. Draws up proposals for new EU law.
2. European Commission	B. Most important decision-making body in the EU.
3. European Court of Justice	C. Ensures the EU budget is spent efficiently.
4. Court of Auditors	D. Is responsible for ensuring the correct interpretation and application of EU laws by member states.
5. Council of the European Union (Council of Ministers)	E. Is responsible for managing the euro currency and the EU's monetary policy.
	F. Directly elected by EU citizens.

Match the two lists by placing the letter of the correct explanation under the relevant number below.

1	2	3	4	5

Section 3 - Question 3C

- (C) Discuss the importance for Ireland of any **two** of the following EU policies:
- (i) Competition Policy;
 - (ii) Common Fisheries Policy (CFP);
 - (iii) Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

(20 marks)

2009

Section 1 - Question 10

10. (a) Explain the role of the Council of Ministers in EU decision-making.

(b) Name **two** other EU decision-making institutions.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

Section 1 - Question 10

“The EU is less than half the size of the United States, but its population is over 50% larger. In fact the EU population is the world’s third largest, after China and India.”

(A) Evaluate the opportunities **and** challenges for Irish business in the EU Market.

(30 marks)

2008

Section 3 - Question 3 A

Question 3

(A) Discuss the impact of the Single European Market (SEM) on Irish business. (25 marks)

2007

Section 3 - Question 3 A

3. An EU directive is _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Section 3 - Question 3

The Irish economy is an open economy and is greatly affected by economic influences from abroad. These influences create both opportunities and challenges for Irish business.

- (A) Discuss the opportunities provided by international trade for Irish business. (25 marks)
- (B) Explain the term 'global marketing' and its role in international business. (25 marks)
- (C) Outline, using an example, the role of 'interest groups' in the European Union. (10 marks)
- (60 marks)**

2006

Section 3 - Question 3 A

- (A) (i) Outline the decision-making process of the European Union.
(ii) Explain the term 'EU directive' and the effect of **one** of them on Irish business. (25 marks)

Section 3 - Question 3 B

- (B) Evaluate the impact on Ireland of any **two** of the following:
(i) The Common Agricultural Policy
(ii) The Competition Policy
(iii) The European Union Social Charter (20 marks)