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Form 3

Subject: European Studies

Levels: 5-6-7-8

Time: 1 hour 30 mins

Name _____

Class _____

Section A: Give the meaning of the following words or phrases.

(2 x 10 = 20 marks)

1. Direct Democracy:

2. Parliamentary Democracy:

3. Presidential Democracy:

4. Referendum:

5. Constitution:

6. Majority Election System:

7. Proportional Representation System:

8. Minority Party:

9. Treaty:

10. Subsidiarity:

Section B: Fill in the blanks.

Choose from the following words. (1 x 20 = 20 marks)

women	freedom	minorities	international	headquarters
child	signed	European	democracy	court
protect	Hate	convention	campaigns	Union
47	Violations	complaints	corruption	rights

The Council of Europe

It is the continent's leading human _____ (1)organisation. It includes _____(2) member states, 28 of which are members of the _____(3) _____(4). All Council of Europe member states

have _____(5) up to the European _____(6) on Human Rights, a treaty designed to _____(7) human rights, _____(8) and the rule of law.

The European _____(9) of Human Rights watches over the carrying out of the convention in the member states. Individuals can bring _____(10) of human rights _____(11) to the Strasbourg Court once all possibilities of appeal have been exhausted in the member state concerned.

The Council of Europe has its _____(12) in Strasbourg, France. It promotes _____(13) of assembly, equality, and the protection of _____(14). It has launched _____(15) on issues such as _____(16) protection, online _____(17) speech and the rights of the Roma. The Council of Europe helps member states fight _____(18) and terrorism and undertake necessary judicial reforms. It encourages human rights through _____(19) conventions, such as the one on Preventing and Combating Violence against _____(20).

Section C: Tick the appropriate box. (1 x 10 = 10 marks)

		True	False
1	The EU Parliament is currently composed of 900 members.		
2	Universal suffrage means that only men can vote.		
3	The EU Parliament elects the President of the European Commission.		
4	The President of the EP is Martin Znell.		

		True	False
5	Only two parties are represented in the EP.		
6	The EP has 3 places of work.		
7	Parliament first begun under the name of ECSC.		
8	The treaty of Rome established the EEC and Euratom.		
9	Simone Villa was elected as President in 1979.		
10	The Maastricht Treaty granted several powers to the EP.		

Section D: Read the following extract from Anna Frank's Diary and answer the questions. (25 marks)

Never Going Outside

'Not being able to go outside upsets me more than I can say, and I'm terrified that our hiding place will be discovered and that we'll be shot. The people in hiding may not go outside; it is much too dangerous. The curtains of the Secret Annex may not be opened during the day; otherwise one of the neighbours might see them. The small window in the attic provides the only chance for getting a breath of fresh air. At night, other windows are occasionally opened just a crack.'

1. Why was Anna Frank in hiding? (2)

2. When Anna Frank wrote her diary, she was living under the Nazi rule by Adolf Hitler. Was the government democratic at that time? Why? (2)

3. List two human rights which Anna Frank and her family were denied at that time. (2)

4. Imagine that a similar story, takes place today in the year 2014. Do you think it can happen in a country which is a member of the EU? Why? (2)

5. What does the EU do through its human rights policy? (4)

6. Name the agency which monitors human rights protection. (2)

7. The Charter of Fundamental Rights treasures various important rights. Mention two of them. (2)

8. Identify and explain four civil and political rights. (4)

9. What is the difference between national citizenship and European Union Citizenship? (3)

10. What was the main objective of the Charter of Fundamental Rights? (2)

Section E: Continue these statements. (1 x 5 = 5 marks)

1. Freedom of movement benefits not only workers but also

2. The Erasmus programme provides students with

3. With the euro we are

4. Before the EU travelling was different because

5. If you want to have a single market

Section F: Write about 100 words on TWO of the following.

(10 x 2 = 20 marks)

1. Explain what you understand by free elections.
2. What are the main aims of the Council of Europe?
3. European Citizenship is an addition to national citizenship and does not replace it. Discuss, making reference to some rights brought about by European citizenship.
4. Discuss the structure of the European Parliament and the European Commission. What are their roles?

Always use a separate sheet of paper.