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B.A. UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION IN ARTS

GEOGRAPHY

TI315: The European Union: policies, people, places

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Time allowed: **Two hours**

Answer **two** questions

1. Understanding the causes and outcomes of immigration into Western and Central Europe since the 1950s involves consideration of both economic and political factors. Discuss, with reference to the experience of any EU Member State.
2. Increased scales of production have accompanied reductions in output as features of agricultural reform since 1992. Explain this apparent contradiction, and illustrate with reference to the Mediterranean experience.
3. The 'nested visions' (Jensen and Richardson, 2001) of the new European spatial planning have evoked both support and criticism. Why?
4. Assess the achievements of European cohesion policy since 1988. Are there lessons for the future?
5. "Local embeddedness and proximity appear to be decisive factors in the competitive advantage of successful local economies" (de Bernardy, 1999). Discuss with reference to examples from manufacturing industry.

Either

- 6a. Using examples from Spain, discuss the roles of 'globalization' and 'localization' in tourism.

or

- 6b. Assess the potential effectiveness of the 6th Environmental Action Programme with reference to the conditions considered necessary for the achievement of its goals.