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Department(s) Political Science & Sociology

SP213: European Societies

Time allowed: **TWO** Hours.

Answer **TWO** Questions.

- 1a. Culture relates to "... *the values, beliefs, behaviour, practices and material objects that constitute a people's way of life*" (Macionis & Plummer, 2002:98). Discuss with reference to Ireland and one other European country.

or

- 1b. Apply the concept of hegemony to contemporary society, with the use of appropriate examples.
2. Explain why Modernisation Theory and Dependency Theory can be regarded as alternative versions of social development.
3. Dowds and Young (1996) developed four typologies of national identity as related to Britain. Considering these typologies, do you think that identity in contemporary Irish society can be described as heterogeneous?
4. Discuss, with appropriate examples, whether or not New Social Movements have been instrumental in searching out new ways of living.
5. In reviewing the last decade, what have been the identifiable trends in terms of work and the family in European societies?
6. What are the major issues associated with extended participation in education and training across Europe?
7. In terms of religion across Europe, could the phrase "belief without belonging" be used to describe the current religious situation?