

**Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh**  
**National University of Ireland, Galway**

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Exam Code(s)	2BA5
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Module Code(s)	SP293
Module(s)	The Sociology and Politics of the European Project
Paper No.	
Repeat Paper	Special Paper
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**Instructions:**                      **Answer TWO questions**

Duration	2hs
No. of Answer books	

**Requirements:**

Handout	
MCQ	
Statistical Tables	
Graph Paper	
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Other Material	

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Department(s)	Political Science & Sociology

## SP293 The Sociology and Politics of the European Project.

Time Allowed: Two Hours

Answer Two questions.

1. Why has the Franco-German 'special relationship' been so central to the construction of the European Union?
2. What best explains Euroscepticism: the politics of individual European countries, or the contradictions inherent in the functioning of the EU?
3. Why do 'intergovernmentalists' prefer the Council of Ministers, whilst 'federalists' emphasise the roles of the Commission and the Parliament in the government of the Union?
4. On what grounds is the European Union criticized as being insufficiently democratic?
5. Why is the EU enlarging from 15 to 25 countries? How may enlargement change the nature of the Union?
6. *'The division of societies into social strata defined by differences of wealth, income, power and prestige is one of the most complex and fascinating problems of social and political analysis'* (Bailey, 1992: 17). Discuss this in relation to European society.
7. Apply Beck's notion of '*risk society*' to a discussion focusing on the environmental risks currently facing Europe.
8. Write an essay that examines the link between national identities and the idea of European unity.