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SEMESTER 1

BA, Economic and Social Studies

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SP216 European Politics

Time allowed: TWO Hours.

Answer 2 questions.

1. Why is NATO the central institution in Europe's post-Cold War security infrastructure?
2. Does the nation-state remain important in the evolving politics of the 'new' Europe?
3. How and why did ethnic nationalism play a role in the disintegration of Yugoslavia?
4. Has German foreign policy changed since re-unification?
5. Is the consociational model still relevant in explaining the politics of the Netherlands, Belgium, Austria and Switzerland?
6. 'Unlike the former Yugoslavia, the east-Central European states are achieving a successful transition to western democratic capitalism'. Discuss.
7. Why have Britain and France held such contrasting attitudes over the process of European integration?
8. Why did the Italian party system collapse between 1992 and 1994?