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SECOND YEAR

SEMESTER 1

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SP213: European Societies

Time allowed: TWO Hours.

Answer any TWO questions.

1. The position of immigrant minorities in Britain, France, and Germany tells us much about social and political structures within each society. Discuss.
2. Assess the relations between social structures and health in Europe today.
3. Discuss any three major social changes in Europe (including Ireland) since World War II.
4. To what extent do religious practices in Europe reflect cultural differences?
5. European societies have responded to a common set of educational problems with a different range of solutions which themselves are structured by divergent forms of social and cultural organisation. Discuss.
6. To what extent have changes in values and social structures in European societies facilitated the growth of environmental movements?
7. What light do leisure practices cast on other aspects of European societies?
8. Is it possible to avoid moral judgements about other cultures in practical social and political life?