

### Chapter 25

## European Union

(EU Institutions – Commission, Parliament, Council, Court of Auditors, Court of Justice, European Council; Decision Making; Interest Groups; Directives/Regulations; Policies – CAP, CFP, EU Social Charter, Competition Policy, Single European Market (SEM); The Euro)

### 2010 Q4 - Short

| Column 1 – Terms  | Column 2 – Explanations  |
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| 1. European Parliament                                  | A. Draws up proposals for new EU law.  |
| 2. European Commission                                  | B. Most important decision-making body in the EU.  |
| 3. European Court of Justice                            | C. Ensures the EU budget is spent efficiently.   |
| 4. Court of Auditors                                    | D. Is responsible for ensuring the correct interpretation and application of EU laws by member states. |
| 5. Council of the European Union (Council of Ministers) | E. Is responsible for managing the euro currency and the EU's monetary policy.                         |
|   | F. Directly elected by EU citizens.  |

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### 2009 Q10 – Short

- (a) Explain the role of the Council of Ministers in EU decision-making.  
 (b) Name two other EU decision-making institutions.

**MS: (a) 6 Marks (3+3) (b) (i) 2 Marks (ii) 2 Marks**

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2018 Q9 - Short

Write **True** or **False** after **each** of the following statements

**MS: 3+2+2+2+1**

|    | Statement  |
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| 1. | The EU Commission is directly elected by EU citizens.  |
| 2. | Membership of the Eurozone is essential for the free movement of goods, services, people and capital between EU member states. |
| 3. | A 'Directive' is a law applicable to all EU member states with immediate effect.   |
| 4. | The Council of the European Union is the main decision making body of the EU.  |
| 5. | In the co-decision procedure the European Parliament shares legislative power with the Council of the European Union.          |

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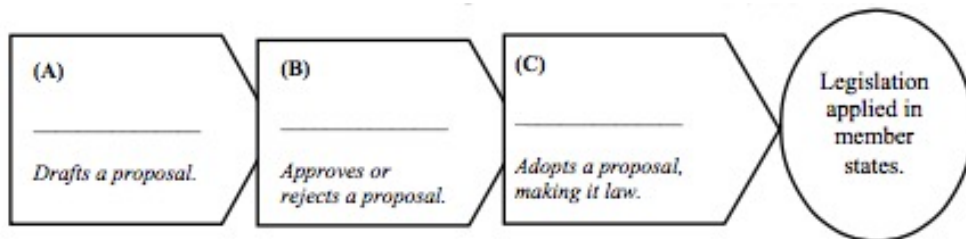
2014 Q3 (B)

Describe the legislative process within the European Union. (20 marks)  
 MS: 3@(1+3) +3+3+2 marks awarded for best extra points given

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2016 Q10 Short

The flow chart states the role of the institutions involved in the EU decision making process.



Fill in the names of the three different European Union institutions at (A), (B) and (C) below.

MS: 4m + 3m + 3m (first correct answer gets the 4m)

| A-> | B-> | C |
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2012 Q3 (C)

Discuss the role of the Council of the European Union (Council of Ministers) and the European Commission in the European Union (EU) decision making process. (20 marks)

MS: 10 marks (4 + 3 + 3) 10 marks (4 + 3 + 3)

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**The European Commission**

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2015 Q3 (C)

**Examples of an EU Directive and a Regulation affecting Ireland**

Waste Framework Directive, 2008/98/EC, requires member states to adopt waste management plans and waste prevention programmes. Regulation (EU) No.1169/2011, which came into effect on December 14th 2014, includes new requirements for the way in which allergen information must be displayed in restaurants, delis, canteens, takeaways, cafés and retail outlets.

Outline how EU directives and regulations are formulated and implemented. (20 marks)

**MS: Formulation 12m (4@ 3m) Directive & Regulation 4m & 4m**

**EU Directive**

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**EU Regulation**

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2013 Q9 – Short

Distinguish between a 'Directive' and a 'Regulation' as legislative instruments within the EU.

**MS: 4 + 4 + 2 – 2 awarded to the best point for an extra piece of relevant information given in your answer.**

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2011 Q3 (C)

Evaluate the role of 'special interest groups' in the decision making process of the European Union (EU). Use examples to support your answer. (15m)

MS: 2@ 6 marks (3+3)+3

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Evaluation: in my opinion \_\_\_\_\_

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2014 Q3 (C)

Evaluate the impact that any **two** of the following EU policies have on Irish businesses: (i) European Monetary Union (EMU)  
(ii) European Union Competition Policy; (iii) European Social Charter. (20 marks)  
**MS: 2 @ 8 (4 + 4) +(4 + 4), evaluation of each policy 4 (2+ 2)**

(i) European Monetary Union (EMU) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Evaluation: in my opinion  
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(ii) European Union Competition Policy \_\_\_\_\_  
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Evaluation: in my opinion  
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(iii) European Social Charter \_\_\_\_\_  
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Evaluation: in my opinion  
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2010 Q3 (C)

Discuss the importance for Ireland of any **two** of the following EU policies: (i) Competition Policy; (ii) Common Fisheries Policy (CFP); (iii) Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). (20 marks)

**MS: 10 marks: 5 m (2+3) + 5m(2+3) 10 marks: 5 m (2+3) + 5m(2+3)  
(2 DISTINCT POINTS FOR 2 POLICIES REQUIRED)**

(i) Competition Policy \_\_\_\_\_  
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(ii) Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) \_\_\_\_\_  
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(iii) Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) \_\_\_\_\_  
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2018 Q3 (B)

Membership of the **Economic and Monetary Union (EMU)** has been good for Irish business.

Do you agree with this statement? Outline reasons for your answer. (20 marks)

MS: Yes/No 2m; 2@7(4+3) 1@4(2+2)

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# The Business Guys

2013 Q3 (C)

*Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union is an opportunity to play an active part in shaping Europe's future.*

Discuss the benefits for the Irish economy of on-going membership of the EU. (20m)

**MS: 4 @ 5 marks (2+3)**

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# The Business Guys

2017 Q3 (C)

Should Ireland leave the European Union? Outline reasons for your answer.  
(20 marks)

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