

WRITE ALL ANSWERS ON THE SEPARATE ANSWER SHEET

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European Economic History (Part II)
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Time: 90 Minutes

Matriculation number/Matrikelnummer:
Family name/Familiennamen:
First name/Vorname:

Exam/Klausur Note: / 60
Total/Gesamtpunktzahl: /60

Allowed auxiliary materials: Calculator/ Erlaubte Hilfsmittel: Taschenrechner

Please read the following carefully:

Note: There are four questions with subsections. Please answer **TWO** of the four completely. Maximum number of points: 60 points. Use the answer sheet only for your solutions. Follow the instructions to each problem. Write down your name and student ID number on the front page of your answer sheets. Please write legibly! You can answer the exam either in English or German. Good luck!

Wichtiger Hinweis: Es gibt vier Fragen mit Untergliederungen. Beantworten Sie bitte ZWEI der vier Frage vollständig. Maximale Punktzahl: 60 Punkte. Benutzen Sie nur die vorgesehenen Lösungsblätter zur Lösung. Beachten Sie sorgsam die jeweiligen Anweisungen zu den Aufgaben. Versehen Sie zunächst das Deckblatt der Lösungsblätter mit Ihrer Matrikelnummer und Ihrem Namen. Bitte schreiben Sie lesbar! Die Klausuraufgaben dürfen auf Englisch oder auf Deutsch beantwortet werden. Viel Erfolg!

- Please answer **TWO** of the four question blocks below -

Question 1: War, Debt, and Inflation (30)

- a. Most European governments were heavily indebted in 1918. How were these debts reduced over time? (15)
- b. It has been argued that the sudden end of hyperinflations in the early 1920s is empirical support for the concept of rational expectations. Use evidence from Germany to discuss this. (15)

Question 2: The Great Depression in Europe and the USA (30)

- a. Do you agree with the argument that the Great Depression could have been limited by a coordinated devaluation of currencies? (15)
- b. "The Nazis ended the Great Depression in Germany using expansionary policy tools in the spirit of Keynes." Discuss! (15)

Question 3: Cold War and Economic Miracles (30)

- a. Briefly explain George Kennan's "double strategy" for Europe. (5)
- b. Discuss the main factors behind Europe's high growth rates between 1950 and 1970. Did institutional factors such as the formation of the EEC in 1957 matter for growth? (15)
- c. How did economic integration after 1945 differ in the Eastern Bloc from that in the West? (10)

Question 4: Energy in European History (30)

- a. Use the "Energy Policy Trilemma" to describe in some detail the changes in European energy policy since 1800. (15)
- b. The two large "Oil Shocks" in the 1970s were supply side shocks. Use the framework of the "Time-Inconsistency-Problem" to explain why this resulted in a period of "stagflation" in many OECD countries. (15)

GOOD LUCK!!!