

Revision Questions for Chapter 8

1. What are the five types of regional integration?
2. What was the main achievement of the Council of Europe?
3. What were the main objectives of the establishment of the European Economy Communities, the predecessor of the EU, in 1957?
4. Why is the common agricultural policy so controversial?
5. What were the main steps of European integration since 1957?
6. What were the main economic challenges of Central and Eastern Europe in the early 1990s?
7. What is the 'European Single Market'?
8. How does the European Union try to overcome trade barriers arising from differences in product standards and regulations in different EU member countries?
9. Why is the single market for services more difficult to implement than the single market for goods?
10. How does the EU facilitate student mobility?
11. Why has it been so difficult to implement passport-free travel through the Schengen agreement?
12. What are the advantages and disadvantages for a country to join the euro-zone?
13. In which ways did membership in the EU help or hinder Spain's economic prosperity since 2002?
14. What are the main political institutions governing the European Union?
15. Why is the relationship between the UK and other member countries often a bit tense?