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BACHELOR OF EUROPEAN STUDIES

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EST 3090 EURO-MEDITERRANEAN RELATIONS

Time allowed two hours. Answer any two questions from the following. Start a fresh page for every answer. All questions carry equal marks.

- 1) What were the reasons behind the launch of the EEC's Global Mediterranean Policy and why did the policy run into problems from the outset?
- 2) The Euro-Mediterranean Partnership was criticised for under performing within five years of its launch. Do you believe that the criticism was justified or that expectations had been unrealistically high when the Barcelona Process was launched in 1995?
- 3) The EU's Neighbourhood Policy was criticised for grouping Mediterranean Countries with former Soviet Republics but has gone on to perform relatively well. Outline what the policy covers and discuss why grouping all of the EU's neighbours under one policy may actually help in ensuring consistent support for the initiative from amongst the 27 EU Member States.
- 4) President Sarkozy's plan for a Mediterranean Union, aimed at addressing and overcoming the problems faced by the Barcelona Process, encountered problems from the start. Why have EU initiatives in the region failed to perform as many expected?
- 5) French leadership has been central in the history of the development of Euro-Mediterranean relations. Discuss.
- 6) Turkish membership of the EU has become one of the most controversial issues in contemporary European Studies. Do you believe that this membership could promote and improve the development of Euro-Mediterranean relations?