



**Question 1 - 2019 Q8**

**Marks: 6**

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**Question 2 - 2022 Q4**

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Question 14

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Ireland joining the European Union.



Outline **one** economic benefit and **one** social benefit of Ireland’s membership of the European Union.

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| Economic benefit: |
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| Social benefit:   |
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### Solution Question 1 - 2019 Q8

1. Access to grants e.g. the EU gives grants to Ireland to improve infrastructure/helps the farming and fisheries industries.
2. Free movement of labour/capital/services within EU countries e.g. EU workers can fill labour shortages in Ireland and Irish workers can work within the EU without restrictions.

### Solution Question 2 - 2022 Q4

Identify two benefits of membership of the European Union for Ireland.

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| The creation of the <b>single European market</b> (SEM) allows for free movement of goods & services, /capital and / citizens.                                                                         |
| The <b>removal of customs barriers</b> has reduced costs for importers and exporters.                                                                                                                  |
| The EU provides a <b>larger market for exporters</b> which allows Irish businesses to trade freely with a much bigger market than our domestic market.                                                 |
| Ireland shares a <b>common currency</b> with many of the EU member states- this eliminates exchange rates risk when Irish businesses export to these countries.                                        |
| Ireland receives huge amounts of <b>EU funding</b> which has helped to develop our infrastructure and our economy.                                                                                     |
| <b>Lower interest rates</b> have made it cheaper for Irish businesses to expand.                                                                                                                       |
| Ireland has become an attractive location for <b>foreign direct investment</b> . Many foreign businesses have chosen to locate their European headquarters in Ireland so that they can access the SEM. |
| <b>The common agricultural policy (CAP)</b> is a major source of funding for the Irish agricultural sector.                                                                                            |
| <b>Public procurement:</b> Irish businesses can bid for government contracts in other member states.                                                                                                   |

### Solution Question 3 - 2023 Q14

Question 14

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Outline **one** economic benefit and **one** social benefit of Ireland's membership of the European Union.



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| <b>Economic benefit:</b> Access to the Single Market/ The largest Trading Bloc in the world/ provides for the free movement of goods/services/capital/ labour/ makes Ireland more attractive to Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).                                                                                                        |
| <b>Social benefit:</b> Greater Consumer Protection for Irish Citizens/Irish citizens have no roaming charges EU regulation with paternity leave/Minimum wage/ Irish citizens can live/ work/ study in any EU Country with no visas/ European Health International Card which helps people in EU countries with hospital/medical visits. |

