

**M.A. Examination, 2018**  
**Semester-II**  
**Modern European Languages, Literatures and Cultures**  
**Course –I (Common Paper)**  
**(Europe Today)**

**Time- 3 Hours**

**Full Marks-40**

*Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.*

**(4x10)**

1. (a) Discuss about the ambiguous attitude of France towards the idea of European integration.

OR

(b) What are the causes for the breakup of the Soviet Union?

2a. Explain how myth, religion and politics contribute to forge the European identity through successive ages.

OR

2b. What is the idea of "an active Europe" as opposed to that of "a militarily active Europe" proposed by Bo Strath in the essay entitled "A European Identity: To the Historical Limits of a Concept"?

3a. "Contemporary Europe has been shaped by the experience of the totalitarian regimes of the twentieth century and by the Holocaust." Do you think that Habermas' and Derrida's view that Europe has learnt from its past is increasingly belied by the recent developments in Europe today?

OR

3b. Elucidate Adolf Muschg's advice that "Europe must be as resourceful as life itself, ... as a patchwork, an ongoing search for equilibrium in unstable niches."

4a. Explain *two* of the following terms:

i. "badante" ii. "Insegnante di sostegno" iii. "permesso di soggiorno"

OR

4b. Discuss the 3 phases of immigrant writing in Italy from the 1990s to 2010.

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