

Assessment on the Background Guide (European Council)

Instructions: Please complete the following assessment **by yourself** based on your reading of the Background Guide. The result of the assessment will be part of the reference for country/ role assignment. Please NOTE that **plagiarism, inappropriate citation and other academic misconducts** are strictly **prohibited** in BIMUN. Each paper will go through the plagiarism check, and **your paper will be invalid if the originality rate is below 80%**. Those who violate the rule would receive severe punishments up to the rescinding of delegate or school delegation qualifications. In consideration of fairness, please contact with Directors only **via e-mail or other public means**, and **DO NOT** include your institution name in any document. It is required by the Secretariat that all private communication and **exchange of gifts or souvenirs** between Directors and conference participants are prohibited.

Part I Multiple Choice

Direction: *In this part, you are required to choose **one or more** choices for the following questions. You cannot get full mark unless you mark all the correct answers.*

1. Which of the following statements is TRUE about the European Council?
 - A. The European Council is also known as the Council of Europe
 - B. It was established in 1974 by the Treaty of Lisbon
 - C. The EU Summit is a meeting of national leaders of the 27 Member States
 - D. The regular outcome of a EU Summit is the Indicative Leaders' Agenda

2. Which of the following does NOT directly address the energy price surge?
 - A. Reduction in energy consumption
 - B. Joint purchasing of energy supplies
 - C. Market correction mechanisms
 - D. Price cap on gas and oil

3. Which of the following are viable ways to promote energy transition?
 - A. Coordinating long-term and short-term energy supply
 - B. Exterminating the use of fossil fuels
 - C. Balancing the financial costs and gains of deploying renewable sources
 - D. Ensuring a well-coordinated implementing system for energy policies

4. Which of the following are TRUE about the PRIMES?
 - A. It was established in 1999 following the Kosovo Crisis
 - B. It is currently operated by the European Council

- C. It assists governments in data sharing and service delivery
 - D. It is highly transparent and interoperable
5. Which of the statements are TRUE about the Temporary Protection Act?
- A. The Directive was adopted in 2001 in the aftermath of the mass displacement in Europe due to the armed conflicts in the Western Balkans.
 - B. Ukraine refugees are allowed to move freely for a 120-day period, and choose one EU country where they would like to enjoy the temporary protection rights.
 - C. The protection may last for up to three years depending on the situation in Ukraine.
 - D. Only Ukrainian nationals and residents are eligible to enjoy temporary protection.
6. Which of the following statements is/are NOT TRUE about the European refugee status quo?
- A. There were Ukrainians admitted into the EU borders without registration
 - B. A majority of Ukrainians were anticipated to return to their homeland in the future
 - C. Refugees are discouraged from crossing the inner borders within EU territories
 - D. All refugees accommodated in temporary shelters have no access to digital facilities

Part II Short-Answer Questions

Direction: *In this part, you are going to answer the questions with **no more than 25 words**. All the questions are concerning the general idea or details of the Background Guide.*

1. How does the cut in Russian energy supplies lead to livelihood difficulties for European countries?
2. What are the impetuses of and impediments to Green Transition in the EU? Please name at least two factors for each.
3. In what ways can digitalization facilitate better solutions to refugee governance?
4. In the process of digitalizing refugee governance, how can governments strike a balance between service and surveillance?

Part III Essay Writing

Direction: *In this part, you are going to choose **ONE** of the following topics and write an essay with **no more than 500 words**. Your essay will be scored based on the language, structure, content, and originality. Please use the **Chicago Style of citation** if needed; inappropriate citation will be considered as plagiarism. The originality rate of your essay shall be above **80%**; otherwise your paper is **INVALID**.*

Topic A:

Many Member States of the European Union are caught in a dilemma where their political opposition against Russia clashes with their heavy dependence on Russian energy supplies. In this context, please choose one EU country and analyse its attitude and potential policy orientations towards Russia. In your answer, please include:

- A brief introduction to the energy status quo of your selected country;
- Your comments on how the EU's current policy orientation (i.e. striving for independence from Russian supplies) benefits or impacts your selected country's energy status quo;
- Your prospect on your selected country's future energy relations with Russia (be it independence, opposition, or modest cooperation).

Topic B:

The distribution of responsibilities has long been a core conundrum for the EU Member States in face of refugee crises. Based on careful reading of the material AND your own research, please identify the crux of the present dilemma and consider how the application of digital technologies can help solve these problems. In your answer, please include:

- An analysis of the status quo of responsibility distribution (in terms of refugee reception and governance) among the EU Member States;
- No less than two problems about the current distribution, and a brief explanation for each problem that you identified.
- Your ideas on how the application of digital technologies can contribute to solving these problems correspondingly.

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*Please transfer your answers to the document titled "Answer Sheet to Assessment". Once your assessment is complete, please rename the answer sheet as "European Council-Your Name" (e.g., "European Council-Li Lei") and submit it to our committee's email EuropeanCouncil@bimun.org.cn before **21:00 GMT+8, April 2nd, 2023**. The file should be submitted in **doc or docx** format. The committee's e-mail address shall only be used for academic purposes. For other inquiries, please contact our members of the Department of Liaison.