

Written Exam Economics summer school 2014

An Economic History of Europe

Final Exam

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- 1. A warning
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Please read the following carefully and answer **all** the questions. You should write a maximum of 10 pages, not including the cover page and the references.

Question 1

You are asked to consider the growth record of a European country before industrialization.

- i. In general, what determined European preindustrial growth?
- ii. Using data available on the textbook's website, and for the same country in each case, make graphs of GDP/capita *and* real wages.
- iii. Explain how they differ from each other. Why might this be?
- iv. Relate your findings to the theories you discussed in (i) above.

Question 2

Sharecropping is often considered to be an example of an inefficient but long-lasting institution in economic history.

- i. What was sharecropping?
- ii. Why was it inefficient? Illustrate your answer with a diagram.
- iii. Can you think of other inefficient institutions in history?
- iv. Why might inefficient institutions persist?

Question 3

What was the Industrial Revolution, and why did it start in England?

Question 4

What was the gold standard, and why did it fail during the interwar period?