Chapter 23

**Knowledge based**

1. Is the EU a political system?
2. Why is regulation the main policy instrument of the EU?
3. Why have some member-states joined the euro, but not others?
4. Who is the main agenda-setter in the EU—the Council or the Commission?
5. Is the European Court of Justice beyond political influence?

**Critical thinking**

1. How powerful is the European Parliament?
2. Who are the winners and losers from the EU budget, and why?
3. Why has public support for the EU declined since the early 1990s?
4. Why do European parties vote cohesively in the European Parliament?
5. Why are European elections ‘second-order national elections’?