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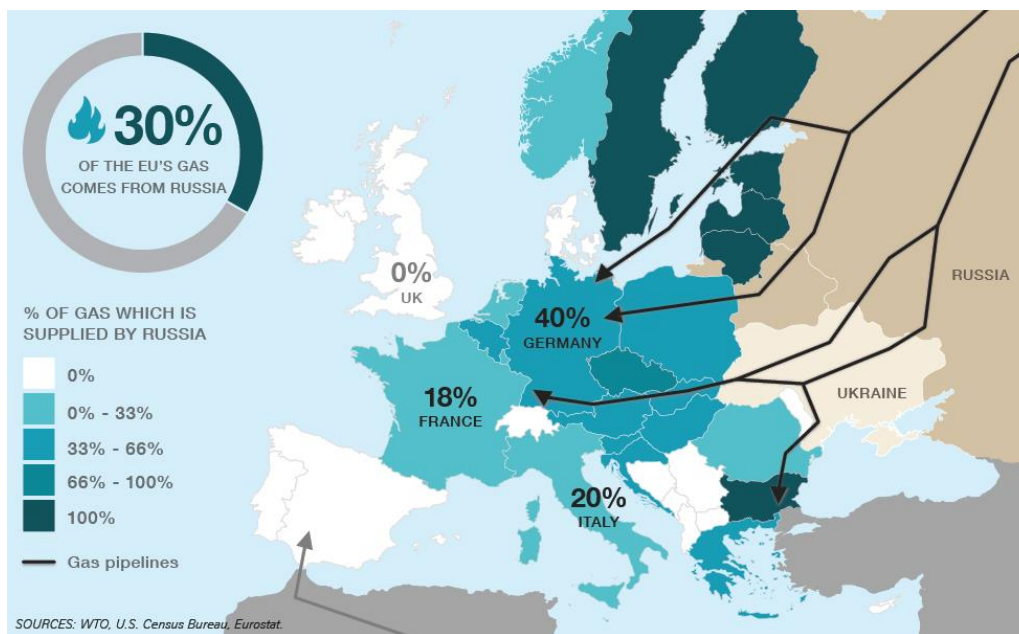
You are allowed to use an English–English dictionary. All questions must be answered in English. All answers must be written on copy-sheets. **REMEMBER TO DOUBLE-SPACE.**

Answer sections 1-3. A pass mark is required on each section.

Exercise 1: Visual Information (30% of mark)

Based on the information conveyed by the chart, write a **small accompanying text**, not exceeding 70 words.

Europe's Dependence Upon Russia





Exercise 2: Summary (40 % of mark)

Read the text well. Look up all the words that you do not fully understand. Write a summary of the text below, not exceeding 200 words. Remember to **DOUBLE SPACE**.

Ukraine Says Its Efforts to Regain Control of East Will Go On

New York Times, APRIL 25, 2014

1 Defying warnings from Moscow not to confront pro-Russian militants entrenched in towns
2 across eastern Ukraine, the interim government on Friday threatened to maintain efforts to regain
3 control of the eastern regions. The feeble show of force has so far produced little beyond Russian
4 military drills on Ukraine's border and heightened alarm about Moscow's next move.

5 The Ukrainian Interior Minister Arsen Avakov declared on Friday that his country's military
6 operations in the east — known as "ATO" [Anti-Terrorist Operation]— had not been suspended.
7 "There has been no suspension of the ATO in connection to the threat of invasion by Russia's
8 armed forces," Mr. Avakov said. "The ATO goes on. The terrorists should be on their guard
9 around the clock. Civilians have nothing to fear." Despite the minister's warning, there have
10 been no reports of renewed conflict since Ukrainian forces moved briefly against pro-Russian
11 positions in what Mr. Avakov described as an operation by "insignificant" government forces
12 that had deployed "without the use of tanks or other heavy armor."

13 Russia has repeatedly denied having a hand in the unrest convulsing eastern Ukraine or any
14 intention to invade. But an announcement on Thursday by Moscow that it would immediately
15 start military maneuvers along the border with **Ukraine**, and a threat by Russia's president
16 Vladimir Putin of unspecified consequences for Ukraine as a result of what he called a "serious
17 crime," signaled a combustible new phase in a geopolitical struggle set off by the overthrow of
18 Ukraine's government in February.

19 Thursday's events also buried already faint hopes that a deal reached last Thursday in Geneva by
20 diplomats from the European Union, Russia, Ukraine and the United States might calm a crisis
21 that has stirred fears of a wider conflict over control of Ukraine, a nation of 46 million that
22 straddles a volatile fault line between Europe and Russia. In Washington, Secretary of State John
23 Kerry warned Russia that it would face additional economic sanctions if it failed to carry out that
24 agreement. "The window to change course is closing," he said. Sanctions could be announced as
25 soon as Friday if the Russians do not respond, said one administration official who asked not to
26 be identified while discussing internal planning.



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27 The threat of intensified sanctions was underscored on Friday when Standard & Poor's
28 downgraded its assessment of Russia. "In our view, the tense geopolitical situation between
29 Russia and Ukraine could see additional significant outflows of both foreign and domestic
30 capital from the Russian economy and hence further undermine already weakening growth
31 prospects," the agency wrote. In his most detailed accusation of Russian interference to date, Mr.
32 Kerry said that American intelligence services had concluded that Russia's "military intelligence
33 services and special operators are playing an active role in destabilizing eastern Ukraine with
34 personnel, weapons, operational planning and coordination." Mr Kerry claimed that "Some of
35 the individual Special Operations personnel who were active on Russia's behalf in Chechnya,
36 Georgia and Crimea have been photographed in Slovyansk, Donetsk and Luhansk. Some are
37 even bragging about it by themselves on their Russian social media sites."

38 Mr. Kerry's Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, reportedly hit back, accusing Washington of
39 twisting the Geneva agreement on Ukraine by making additional demands on Moscow. "Russia
40 will firmly contribute to the de-escalation of the conflict based on the compromise approach
41 agreed in Geneva," Russian Foreign Minister said at a meeting with young diplomats in
42 Moscow. "There can be no one-sided demands," he said, accusing the United States of
43 displaying "an outstanding ability to turn everything on its head." Echoing remarks by President
44 Putin on Thursday, he said the interim authorities in Ukraine were "waging a war on their own
45 people. The Ukrainian intervention is a bloody crime and those who pushed the army to crack
46 down on the country's own citizens will have to pay and face justice."

47 President Obama and other Western leaders have repeatedly demanded that Russia halt all
48 support for the Russian-speaking rebels, exert its influence to get them to leave occupied
49 government buildings in Slovyansk and other towns, and pull back its 40,000 troops deployed
50 along the border. Last week's agreement called for armed pro-Russian groups in eastern Ukraine
51 to surrender the government buildings.

52 On Thursday, Sergei Shoigu—Russia's defense minister—said drills would begin immediately
53 involving troops in southern and western Russia, the areas surrounding Ukraine. The drills,
54 which would also involve the air force, will include flights along the border, Mr. Shoigu said at a
55 meeting of Russia's top military council. "We have to react to such developments," he said of the
56 Ukrainian attacks, declaring that Russia had a duty to stop "this military machine."



Exercise 3: Text Comprehension (30% of mark)

Read the previous text again and **answer the questions** or mark whether the **statements** are TRUE or FALSE. If FALSE, correct the statements.

1. In paragraph 1, who has shown *feeble show of force*?
2. It has been hinted at in the text. What triggered the current crisis in the Ukraine?
3. Russia has not been involved in the unrest in eastern Ukraine.
4. Russia has started military maneuvers along the border with Ukraine.
5. The interim government in Kiev is waging a war against its own citizens.
6. The Ukrainian government has only “insignificant forces.”
7. The Ukrainian military operations in the east have been suspended.
8. What does the journalist mean when he states that the “Ukraine, a nation of 46 million that *straddles* a volatile *fault line* between Europe and Russia?”
9. What have been the demands of President Obama and other Western leaders?
10. What is a *fault line*?
11. What is meant by the expression “convulsing”?
12. What is meant by the statement *The threat of intensified sanctions was underscored on Friday when Standard & Poor’s downgraded its assessment of Russia?*
13. What is Secretary of State John Kerry’ assessment of the role of the Russian intelligence services and special agents in the unrest?
14. What is the name of the Russian Foreign Minister?
15. What started the unrest in Ukraine this spring?
16. Which forces are being referred to as a “military machine”?

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