

OLLSCOIL NA hÉIREANN, GAILLIMH

THIRD ARTS EXAMINATION: SECOND SEMESTER 1999-2000

History: HI 328 The Northern Ireland Problem

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**Time: two hours
Answer three questions**

1. How did Ulster Unionists achieve a separate state?
2. 'Although violence had abated by the autumn of 1922, both Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland had good reason to face the future with a sense of anxiety.' Discuss.

or

Discuss the difficulties facing Catholic politicians in Northern Ireland in the 1920s and 1930s.

3. Assess the political implications of World War II for Ulster Unionists.
4. How significant have social and religious factors been in reinforcing conflict in Northern Ireland?
5. Consider the obstacles to change in Northern Ireland in the 1960s.
6. Can it be said that civil rights organisations in Northern Ireland had a specific ideology in the period 1964-72? Give reasons for your answer.
7. What factors have influenced the relationship between the IRA and the Catholic community since the 1950s?

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Why has paramilitarism frequently flourished in Northern Ireland?

8. Discuss the view that the position of prime minister of Northern Ireland from 1921 to 1972 was an unenviable one.
9. Account for the weakness of the Left wing in Northern Ireland under Stormont.
10. Discuss the view that the Ulster Unionist position within the United Kingdom has become increasingly precarious since 1968.

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11. Examine critically the various arguments regarding discrimination against Catholics in Northern Ireland up to 1968.
12. What was the political outcome of the hunger strikes of 1980-81?
13. In what ways have the British or Irish governments' approaches to conflict resolution in Northern Ireland changed since 1972?
14. Discuss the ideology and strategies of a politician you consider particularly influential in Northern Ireland.