

OLLSCOIL NA hÉIREANN, GAILLIMH**SECOND ARTS EXAMINATION: SEMESTER II 1999-2000****History: HI 251 Ireland in the Nineteenth Century****Professor Marianne Elliott****Professor Nicholas Canny****Dr Mary Harris****Time: two hours****Answer three questions**

1. Discuss the view that those excluded from voting rights in the nineteenth-century were not left politically powerless.
2. What were the most significant changes in political power structures in nineteenth-century Ireland?
3. Examine Daniel O'Connell's skills as a political strategist.
4. Discuss the changes which occurred in the position of Protestants in nineteenth-century Ireland, and consider the implications of those changes.
or
What difficulties faced those wishing to promote a form of politics embracing both Catholics and Protestants in nineteenth-century Ireland?
5. Examine and account for the differing interpretations of the Irish famine.
6. Consider the difficulties facing British governments in their attempts to tackle unrest in nineteenth-century Ireland.
7. Account for Parnell's progress in the 1880s.
8. In what ways did political concerns in late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century Ulster differ from those elsewhere in Ireland?
9. Was the land question a hindrance or a help to Irish nationalists?

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10. Discuss the differing interpretations of Fenianism presented by John Newsinger and R.V. Comerford.
11. 'To the Irish all History is Applied History, and the past is simply a convenient quarry which provides ammunition to use against enemies in the present.' [ATQ Stewart, *The Narrow Ground: Patterns of Ulster History* (Belfast, 1977)] Discuss the validity of this statement in relation to the nineteenth century.
12. Discuss the objectives of those who sought to promote an appreciation of Ireland's cultural heritage in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.