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THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

2nd ARTS EXAMINATIONS 1999-2000

SEMESTER II

HISTORY

Course HI 229 - MEDIEVAL EUROPE 5th-9th CENTURY

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Time allowed: **TWO** hours
Answer **THREE** questions in total.
Answer **at least one question from each section (A & B).**

SECTION A

1. 'All history is contemporary history'. Discuss in relation to the great variety of reasons advanced through the ages for why Rome fell.

or

Discuss the main continuities and breaks between the Roman empire and the early continental Germanic kingdoms studied on the course.

2. Assess the significance of the conversion of Clovis.
3. Define 'Arianism' and discuss the heresy's significance within both the Roman empire and the early Germanic kingdoms.
4. Trace the geographic progress of the Visigothic peoples through Europe, and account for the motivations behind their various movements.
5. Identify the successive waves of ruling peoples in Italy from the end of the fifth century up until the end of the eighth, and assess why each fell from power.

or

'The Justinian wars of reconquest caused far more destruction and discontinuity in Italy than did Italy's takeover by the Ostrogoths.' Discuss.

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SECTION B

6. How did the coming and settlement of the Germanic peoples in England differ from that of the other barbarian kingdoms?
7. Compare and contrast monasticism within the late Roman empire and monasticism in Europe after St. Benedict.

or

Discuss the main themes of the Rule of St. Benedict and their underlying philosophy.

8. Discuss relations between the Eastern Roman empire and the Western Germanic kingdoms from the late fifth century to the early ninth century.
9. Discuss the rise of Islam and its effect on Europe before the ninth century.
10. Account for the rise of the Carolingian dynasty.

or

Assess the parallels between the Roman empire and the Carolingian one.