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SEMESTER 2

HISTORY

HI252 : Problems in the History of Ireland 1580-1700

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Time allowed : **TWO** hours
Answer **THREE** questions

1. Why, in your opinion, did the government of Queen Elizabeth invest so heavily in the conquest of Ireland during the years 1579-1603?
2. Explain how Catholicism survived and flourished in Ireland, 1580-1641.
3. Describe the programme of plantation agreed upon for Ulster in 1610, and consider what it was intended to achieve.
4. Thomas Wentworth made frequent use of parliament during his period as governor of Ireland 1633-41, yet he was considered a tyrant. Explain this apparent contradiction.
5. Discuss the difficulties experienced by the confederate Catholics in Ireland in agreeing upon, and proceeding with, a coherent course of action, 1642-9.
6. What do historians, have in mind when they speak of 'British context' to the rising of 1641?
7. Consider the Cromwellian settlement in Ireland as the logical culmination of previous plantations.
8. Discuss the consequences for both King James II, and for Irish Catholic leaders of their various interactions.
9. Account for the severity of the Penal Laws against Catholics in Ireland that were enacted during the reigns of William & Mary and Queen Anne.