

*Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh*  
THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

2ND ARTS EXAMINATIONS 2000-2001

SEMESTER 2

**HISTORY**

Course HI 229 — **MEDIEVAL EUROPE, 5th to 9th Century**

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Time allowed: **TWO** hours

Answer **THREE** questions

1. How did the Germanic invasions affect the Late Roman Empire, and how did Romans cope with their impact?
2. Assess the importance of Clovis for the political success of the Franks.
3. Compare the relative importance of the monastic and episcopal churches in Gaul in the period from c. AD 400 to c. AD 600?
4. How significant was the Irish role in the evolution of Frankish monasticism?
5. How important was the religious question in the Visigothic kingdom of Spain during the 6th and 7th centuries?
6. How would you assess the importance of Theodoric's reign in Ostrogothic Italy?
7. Account for the decline of the Merovingians and the rise of the Carolingians.
8. How valid is the concept of a 'Carolingian Renaissance'?