

THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY
OLLSCOIL na hÉIREANN, GAILLIMH

B.A. EXAMINATIONS 2000-2001
REPEAT PAPER SUMMER 2001

HISTORY

HI 265 RUSSIA & POLAND 1533-1796

O. Dudley Edwards
G. Ó Tuathaigh
W. O'Reilly

TIME ALLOWED: **TWO HOURS**
ANSWER: **THREE QUESTIONS.**

- 1 How do you account for the territorial expansion of Muscovy in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries ?
- 2 "The reign of Ivan IV truly deserves to be called terrible". How fair an assessment is this of the rule of Ivan IV, 1533-1584 ?
- 3 How useful is Sergi G. Platanov's periodisation of the years 1598-1613 in understanding the 'Time of Troubles'?
- 4 How important was centralisation of government for the Romanov dynasty, 1613-1801 ?
- 5 What did Peter I ('the Great') hope to achieve in the Great Northern War and how successful was he in obtaining his aims ?
- 6 Discuss the change of the Russian autocracy from a serf-holding nobility to a more 'bureaucratic mould'.

Please turn over...

- 7 Account for political and domestic instability in Russia from the reign of Catherine I (1725) to the abdication of Peter III (1762).
- 8 Stanislas Augustus (Stanislaw Antoni Poniatowski): Polish patriot or Russian puppet ?
- 9 'The lack of a hereditary monarchy, the existence of the *Liberum veto* and the role of the *Szlachta* all contributed to the partitions of the Polish Commonwealth." Discuss.
- 10 How did Catherine the Great's crushing of the Pugachev Revolt (1772-1774) highlight the merging of interests between the nobility and the monarchy ?
- 11 Why was Poland partitioned, 1772, 1793, 1795?