

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, 2001

CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION

THIRD ARTS

CC303 - Literature of the Principate

EXAMINERS: Professor Gerard O'Daly
Professor Brian Arkins

Time allowed: **three** hours

Write on **three** topics

1. Analyse the varying treatment of **either** political themes **or** sexual love in Virgil, Horace, and Propertius.
2. Pessimism in Virgil's *Eclogues*.
3. 'Virgil's *Aeneid* presents us with both the achievement of Empire and its cost'. Discuss.
4. Propertius' commitment to Callimachus' literary programme.
5. 'For Propertius, Cynthia is first and last'. Discuss.
6. 'Horace's political poetry usually favours Augustus'. Discuss.
7. Analyse the detached, somewhat cynical approach of Horace to sexual love.