

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS 2002

CLASSICAL CIVILIZATION

THIRD ARTS

CC304 - The Imperial Golden Age

EXAMINERS: Professor Gerard O'Daly

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Time allowed: **three** hours

Answer any **three** questions

1. Why did the Emperor Hadrian make so many journeys?
2. Did Antoninus Pius have a foreign policy? If so, how successful was it?
3. How different were Marcus Aurelius and Lucius Verus in their attitudes to rule?
4. What features of government did Marcus Aurelius learn from Antoninus Pius?
5. Should Commodus be blamed for the troubles on the frontiers during his reign?
6. How important was senatorial consensus in the age of the Antonines?
7. By what means was dynastic continuity promoted under the Antonines?
8. Account for the appeal of the new religions of Isis and Mithras during the Imperial Golden Age.
9. What was the policy of the Roman government towards the Christians during the second century AD?
10. What was the Second Sophistic?
11. How far do you agree with Gibbon's verdict that the Antonine Age was the most happy and prosperous in the history of the world?