

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

AUTUMN 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. How tolerant was the Emperor Hadrian? Did he have favourites?
2. Was Antoninus Pius more interested in internal government than in foreign affairs?
3. Why did Lucius Verus fight a Parthian War? How successful was he?
4. What light do the *Meditations* of Marcus Aurelius throw on his manner of government?
5. Examine the contrast between the Emperor Commodus and his father in their attitudes to rule.
6. What conflicts occurred between emperors and the senate in the age of the Antonines and why did they occur?
7. Examine the use of art as political propaganda by the Antonine emperors.
8. What evidence is there for a greater sense of religiousness in the Roman Empire of the second century AD?
9. Discuss the policies of the Roman emperors from Trajan to Marcus Aurelius towards the Christians.
10. Why is the Second Sophistic sometimes known as the 'Greek Renaissance'?
11. Do you see the Antonine Age as a period more of economic success or of social conflict?