

OLLSCOIL NA hÉIREANN, GAILLIMH
THIRD ARTS EXAMINATION: SEMESTER I, 2002-3
History: HI 328 The Northern Ireland Problem

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Time: two hours

Answer three questions.

1. Discuss the view that partition was a realistic response to political conditions in early twentieth-century Ireland.
2. What factors influenced the Northern Ireland government's attitude towards Catholics in Northern Ireland in the 1920s?
3. Discuss the immediate and the long-term effects of World War II on Northern Ireland Protestants.
4. Examine the problems facing Terence O'Neill in the 1960s.
or
Discuss the conditions leading to the outbreak of violence in Northern Ireland in the late 1960s.
5. Assess the influence of Ian Paisley on politics in Northern Ireland.
6. Discuss relative significance of religious and political factors in the Northern Ireland conflict.
7. In what ways did attempts to reach a political settlement in the 1990s differ from the attempts of the 1970s and 1986?
8. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of Irish republicanism since 1972.
or
Was the 1981 hunger strike a success or a failure?
9. Identify and discuss three serious problems facing Ulster Unionists since 1972.
10. Discuss the view that the responses of Irish governments **or** British governments to Northern Ireland have been driven by pragmatism rather than ideology.