

THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

3rd ARTS EXAMINATIONS, 2002-2003

SEMESTER I

HISTORY

Course HI 361 – THE AMERICAN SOUTH FROM SLAVERY TO
EMANCIPATION

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Time Allowed: Two Hours
Answer One Question from each section
Answer Three Questions in total

SECTION ONE (Answer One Question)

1. What factors led to the enslavement of Africans in seventeenth-century Virginia ? (Make specific reference to the debate over the origins of slavery and racism)
2. To what extent was slavery undermined as an economic and social system by the spread of capitalist thought, religious reform, and the influence of Enlightenment doctrines of natural rights ?
3. What factors led to a renewed expansion of the slavery system from the 1790s onwards ? (Make specific reference to cotton production)
4. Referring to slavery, Thomas Jefferson wrote in 1824: "We have the wolf by the ears and we can neither hold him, nor safely let him go." Discuss.

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SECTION TWO (Answer One Question)

5. How does the secret diary of James Henry Hammond help us understand the ideology of southern slaveholders ? (Make specific reference to paternalism)
6. To what extent does Mary Chesnut's diary show that the plantation mistress was repressed by the southern patriarchal system ?
7. "This battle with Mr. Covey was a turning point in my career as a slave." To what extent was the example of slave resistance told by Frederick Douglass common on antebellum southern plantations ?
8. Why did Nat Turner's 1831 revolt succeed whilst all the previous ones failed ? (Make specific reference to *The Confessions of Nat Turner*)

SECTION THREE (Answer One Question)

9. To what extent is it possible to say that southern nationalism was a response to the growth of Abolitionism in the North ?
10. What were the reasons behind the secession of the southern states and the formation of the Confederacy ?
11. How did plantation mistresses cope with the management of slaves when planters left to fight the Civil War ?
12. What impact did the Civil War have on the lives of African Americans ? (Make specific reference to Lincoln's 1863 Emancipation Proclamation)