

*Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh*  
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

2nd Arts Examinations 2002-3

SEMESTER 2

HISTORY

Course HI 229 — **MEDIEVAL EUROPE, 5th to 9th Century**

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Time allowed: **TWO** hours

Answer **THREE** questions

1. Describe the various 'techniques of accommodation' used by the Romans in the 5th-6th centuries to cope with the Germanic invasions, with particular reference to the theory proposed by Walter Goffart.
2. Why were the Franks more successful, politically and militarily, than the Visigoths in the 5th-6th centuries, and assess the contribution to that success of Clovis's conversion to Catholicism.
3. Compare the relative importance of the monastic and episcopal churches in Gaul in the period from c. AD 400 to c. AD 600
4. How would you account for the rise of monasticism in Gaul in the period AD 500-700, and how significant was the Irish role in that process?
5. Discuss the origin and dissemination of the Benedictine Rule, in light of medieval and modern evidence.
6. What, if any, were the features that distinguished the Visigothic kingdom of Spain in the 6th and 7th centuries?
7. Account for the decline of the Merovingians and the rise of the Carolingians.
8. How valid is the concept of a 'Carolingian Renaissance'?