

**OLLSCOIL NA hÉIREANN, GAILLIMH****SECOND ARTS EXAMINATION: SEMESTER II 2002-3****History: HI 251 Ireland in the Nineteenth Century**

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**Time: two hours  
Answer three questions.**

1. Why were Catholics and Protestants so polarised in nineteenth-century Ireland?
2. Discuss the contradictory elements of Daniel O'Connell's political leadership.
3. Why was the land question so controversial in nineteenth-century Ireland?
4. Identify and discuss the implications of three significant reforms implemented by the British government in nineteenth-century Ireland.
5. Assess Parnell's performance as a political leader.
6. What challenges has the Famine posed for historians?
7. Discuss the short-term and long-term impact of the Fenians.
8. Examine the opportunities open to those interested in bringing about political change in nineteenth-century Ireland.
9. How did Irish culture become an important element of Irish nationalism?
10. How and why did the Catholic Church become so involved in nineteenth-century politics?
11. Examine the aims and strategies of Ulster Unionists from 1886 until the end of the nineteenth century.
12. Examine the role of historic memory in political developments in nineteenth-century politics.