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2ND ARTS & VISITING STUDENTS**

**HI252: PROBLEMS IN THE HISTORY OF IRELAND
1580-1700**

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**Time Allowed: TWO hours
Answer THREE questions**

1. Do you consider it valid to speak of an Elizabethan conquest of Ireland during the years 1579-1603?
2. What, in your opinion, did the government hope to achieve when it proceeded with a programme of plantation for Ulster after 1610?
3. Consider the relative successes of the Church of Ireland and the Catholic Church of the Counter-Reformation in establishing themselves in Ireland during the years before 1641.
4. Explain why Thomas Wentworth (Earl of Strafford, 1640) was found objectionable as governor in Ireland by the Protestant as well as the Catholic interests in the country.
5. What was the Confederation of Kilkenny? Explain why it was brought into being, and discuss its achievements and failures.
6. Write a critical appraisal of the involvement of Archbishop J.B. Rinuccini as papal nuncio in Ireland 1645-9.
7. Why did Oliver Cromwell visit Ireland? Discuss the agenda that his government decided upon for Ireland and its lasting consequences.
8. Why was the reign of King James II, even in Ireland, controversial where that of his brother King Charles II had been generally successful?
9. Account for the severity of the penal laws against the practice of Catholicism in Ireland that were enacted during the reigns of William & Mary and Queen Anne.