

OLLSCOIL NA hÉIREANN, GAILLIMH

THIRD ARTS EXAMINATION: SEMESTER II 2002-3

History: HI308 Politics and Society in the Irish Free State

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Time: two hours
Answer three questions.

1. To what extent did the Irish Free State live up to the ideals of the 1916 proclamation of the Republic and the 1919 Democratic Programme?

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Can it be said that the social policies of Irish governments in the period 1922-49 were unimaginative?

2. Identify and discuss the main challenges facing the Irish government from 1922 to 1932.

3. Examine the aims and performance of Fianna Fáil in the period 1926-39.

4. Account for the failure of the Irish Left to make significant progress in Ireland in the years 1922-49.

5. To what extent was democracy in danger in Ireland during the 1930s?

6. 'The transition from Cumann na nGaedheal to Fianna Fáil government in the 1930s involved both continuity and change.' Discuss.

7. Discuss the influence and significance of Catholicism in Ireland 1922-49.

8. Assess the priorities and performance of Irish governments in the area of foreign policy.

9. Discuss the impact of ideological developments in Europe on developments in Ireland during the 1930s.

10. How effective was de Valera as leader of a recently independent state?

11. Examine the characteristics of Irish identity as it emerged from 1922-49.

12. Consider the fate of Cumann na nGaedheal in the 1930s.

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13. 'World War II presented Ireland with both challenges and opportunities.' Discuss.

14. Discuss the benefits and limitations of studying historical documents as a means of gaining insight into the period 1922-49.