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National University of Ireland, Galway

Semester II Examinations, 2002/2003

Exam Code(s)	1BA1
Exams(s)	1 st Bachelor of Arts (Legal Science) Erasmus & Occasional
Module Codes(s)	(LW100 Umbrella Code) LW103.II
Module(s)	Irish Legal Systems
Paper No.	Paper No. 2
Repeat Paper __ Special Paper __	
External Examiner(s)	Mr. Ray Byrne
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Instructions	Answer THREE questions
Duration	TWO Hours. Erasmus students have 2½ Hours
No. of AnswerBooks	
Requirements:	
Handout	
MCQ	
Statistical Tables	
Graph Paper	
Log Graph Paper	
Other Material	The Irish Constitution 1937
No. of Pages	2
Department(s)	Law

1. Discuss in detail the sources of Irish law. In your answer comment on the importance of each source in the Irish legal system.
2. How does membership of the European Communities influence the Irish legal system?
3. Discuss the reasons why the 1922 Constitution had to be replaced. Refer to relevant case law in your answer.
4. Describe the tools used by the judiciary when interpreting legislation.
5. **Answer BOTH of the following**
 - (a) Explain the terms monism and dualism and their significance in the Irish legal system.
 - (b) Briefly describe the main institutions of the United Nations.
6. Write about any two of the following topics:
 - (a) The meaning of *ratio decidendi* and *obiter dicta* in relation to the doctrine of precedent.
 - (b) The significance of Article 26 of *Bunreacht na hÉireann* and its relationship to the legislative process.
 - (c) Delegated legislation.
 - (d) Brehon law.

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