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Repeat Paper __ Special Paper __	
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Instructions	Answer THREE Questions
Duration	TWO Hours
No. of AnswerBooks	
Requirements:	No Requirements
Handout	
MCQ	
Statistical Tables	
Graph Paper	
Log Graph Paper	
Other Material	
No. of Pages	2
Department(s)	Law

1. Assess the influence of international and regional policy and law on social policy in Ireland and refer to specific areas of activity including the promotion of the equality agenda that have resulted from this influence.
2. Peto and Martha arrive in Ireland with no official documentation and are fleeing their own country for fear of intimidation against people of their religion. Martha is pregnant and is hoping to remain in Ireland if her child is born here. They have applied to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform for help to grant them refugee status and to become legally entitled to remain here. You are working for the Refugee Agency of Ireland and must advise them on their legal entitlements regarding social welfare and work and on the possibility of remaining in Ireland based on current policy and court decisions. Please advise Peto and Martha.
3. Travellers are one of the most marginalized groups in Irish society and despite advances in health care and education they continue to have lower health status and greater illiteracy problems than the rest of the population. Critically analyse State policy and law in relation to Travellers.
4. Write an essay on one of the following:
 - (a) The continuing dissatisfaction with the health care system despite the many policy changes and legislative reforms that have been made to improve care.

OR

- (b) Housing law and policy in relation to disabled people and the homeless.
5. Considerable progress has been made in the care of vulnerable children but many problems remain despite new policies, legislation and court intervention. Discuss the outstanding difficulties and the need to ensure appropriate provision for these children.
6. Answer (a) or (b)
 - (a) The move from a charity to a rights based approach for people with disabilities has been driven by international standards in this area. Discuss the progress made by Irish policy makers and legislators to ensure this move is reflected in Ireland and refer in your answer to the challenges for the future.

Or

- (b) State policies on older people have been regarded as less than successful in delivering the range of care and services that are appropriate to the varying needs this group. Critically analyse the current legal and policy provision and the reforms you would suggest to improve the situation.

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