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**Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gallimh**  
**National University of Ireland, Galway**

**SEMESTER 2 Examinations, 2003/2004**

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<b><u>Instructions</u></b>	Answer <b>THREE</b> Questions
<b>Duration</b>	<b>TWO</b> Hours
<b>No. of AnswerBooks</b>	
<b><u>Requirements:</u></b>	No Requirements
Handout	
MCQ	
Statistical Tables	
Graph Paper	
Log Graph Paper	✓
Other Material	
<b>Department(s)</b>	Law

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1. Assess the influence on social policy in Ireland of international and regional policy and refer to specific areas of activity including the rights of workers that have resulted from this influence.

2. Recent court decisions indicate that the State can in certain circumstances differentiate between the citizen children of non-nationals and citizen children of nationals. Critically analyse this approach in the light of recent case law.

3. Patrick and his family, who are members of the Travelling Community, are unable to find suitable accommodation and are living on the roadside in a caravan in very poor conditions. The Gardai have told them they will have to move somewhere else but they have nowhere to go. They have applied to the Co. Council and are on the housing list for years but Patrick is not sure what housing obligations there are towards him. The children have been ill continuously throughout the winter and he is concerned about their health for the future. His wife got a job recently with a local hotel but was dismissed after two weeks when it was discovered she was a member of the Travelling Community. You are a very experienced and solicitor dealing with the rights of marginalized groups of people and he comes to you for advice about his situation. Please advise Patrick as to any legal redress open to him to improve his and his family's life.

4. Describe and analyse the issues that need to be addressed by policy makers and legislators in relation to the older person in Ireland in 2004.

5. The Report of the Commission on the Status of People with Disabilities: *A Strategy for Equality* 1995 underlined the need for a complete change in the approach to disability in Ireland. In light of this report critically analyse developments in the area of disability law and policy to date.

6. During the 1990s the courts examined the constitutional obligations on the State towards disturbed children from families unable to care for them. Discuss the approach of the courts to these cases and whether there is need for reform of either the law, or social policy to ensure appropriate provision for these children.

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