

Semester II Examinations, 2003/2004  
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Exam Code(s)	<u>1BA1, 1BA6, 1BA7, 1OA1, 1EM1</u>
Exam(s)	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Arts</u>
Module Code(s)	<u>SP102</u>
Module(s)	<u>Introduction to Politics/Irish Politics</u>
Paper No.	<u>2</u>
Repeat Paper	<u>Special Paper</u>
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**Instructions:**

Answer **THREE** questions overall. You **MUST** answer **ONE** question from Section A, **ONE** question from Section B and **One** questions from Section C. Please use a separate answer book for each section.

Duration	<u>3hs</u>
No. of Answer books	<u>3</u>

**Requirements:**

Handout	<u>                    </u>
MCQ	<u>                    </u>
Statistical Tables	<u>                    </u>
Graph Paper	<u>                    </u>
Log Graph Paper	<u>                    </u>
Other Material	<u>                    </u>

No. of Pages	<u>2</u>
Department(s)	<u>Political Science &amp; Sociology</u>

## **SP102: Introduction to Politics/Irish Politics**

Answer **THREE** questions in all. You **MUST** answer **ONE** question from Section A, **ONE** question from Section B and **ONE** question from Section C.

**PLEASE USE A SEPARATE ANSWER BOOK FOR EACH SECTION.**

### **SECTION A**

1. What are the major influences upon contemporary Irish politics? Does the Constitution reflect these?
2. Is the Irish party political system unique, or can meaningful comparisons be made with other polities?
3. What do you consider to be the primary influences of the European Union upon the Irish State? Is it replacing the Oireachtas as the centre of decision making?

### **SECTION B**

4. Are the current consociational arrangements for governing Northern Ireland preferable to majority rule?
5. Explain why Unionist opposition to the Good Friday Agreement of 1998 is so strong.
6. How do conflicting interpretations of the causes of conflict in Northern Ireland lead Unionists and Nationalists to emphasise different aspects of the Good Friday Agreement? You should deal with both decommissioning and police reform in your answer.

### **SECTION C**

7. What are the core principles of the social democracy? To what extent has the New right challenged these principles?
8. Outline the core themes of environmentalism. Assess the various criticisms it offers of modern democracy.
9. Critically assess an anarchist political ideology.