

**Semester II Examinations, 2003/2004**  
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Exam Code(s)	1BA5
Exam(s)	1 <sup>st</sup> Economic & Social Studies, St. Angela's College
Module Code(s)	SP102
Module(s)	Introduction to Politics/Irish Politics
Paper No.	2
Repeat Paper	Special Paper
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**Instructions:**

**Answer THREE questions in all, at least ONE from each section.**

Duration	3hs
No. of Answer books	

**Requirements:**

Handout	
MCQ	
Statistical Tables	
Graph Paper	
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Other Material	

No. of Pages	2
Department(s)	Political Science & Sociology

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

Answer THREE questions in all, at least ONE from each section.

### ***Section A: Introduction to Politics***

1. Why is ideological debate such an important dimension of contemporary politics?
2. What are the principal differences between traditional conservatism and the New Right agenda?
3. Compare and contrast the main principles of both liberalism and socialism.
4. Critically analyse the different types of ecologism manifested in the 'green movement'.
5. Is feminism a political ideology in its own right?
6. Has globalisation made nationalism an anachronistic ideology?

### ***Section B: Irish Politics***

7. Are Irish party politics still dominated by the divisions of the 1920s?
8. What factors account for the relative weakness of the Irish Left?
9. Analyse and explain the voting behaviour of the Irish electorate, giving empirical examples from past elections.
10. To what extent did the 'Northern' Troubles impinge upon domestic 'Southern' politics?
11. Is the Good Friday Agreement still the framework for any enduring solution to the Northern Ireland conflict?
12. What role did the political system play in the social and economic changes Ireland has witnessed during the last two decades?