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Instructions: Answer THREE questions.

Duration	3hs
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Requirements:

Handout	
MCQ	
Statistical Tables	
Graph Paper	
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Other Material	

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Department(s)	Political Science & Sociology

SP470: Politics in the Republic of Ireland

Answer THREE questions.

1. Is there a distinctive Irish political culture?
2. What are the primary features of the Irish Constitution? Is it still a relevant to contemporary Ireland?
3. Offer an overview of the Irish party political system. Is it similar or different to that generally found at the wider European level?
4. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the PR-STV electoral system used in Ireland?
5. Do governmental and parliamentary practices in Ireland adhere to the liberal democratic notions of a 'good' system?
6. Examine the relationship between central and local forms of government in Ireland.
7. How significant is Ireland's membership of the European Union?
8. Do women play an insignificant role in Irish politics?
9. How do you view the policy-making process in Ireland? What are its essential characteristics?