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National University of Ireland, Galway

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| Exam(s) | B.A. (Public & Social Policy) |
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| Paper No. | 1 |
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Instructions:

Answer **THREE** questions. One from each section. You cannot answer a question on the topic that you addressed in your essay.
Please use a separate answer book for each question.

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| Duration | 2 hrs. |
| No. of Answer books | 3 |

Requirements:

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| Handout | |
| MCQ | |
| Statistical Tables | |
| Graph Paper | |
| Log Graph Paper | |
| Other Material | |

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| No. of Pages | 2 |
| Department(s) | Economics, Law, Political Science & Sociology |

SECTION A

1. Current Irish housing policy does not address the needs of all the people of Ireland, and some major changes are needed. Discuss.
2. Mary is a second year student of Law at University. Mary has dyslexia and is having difficulty in taking notes, a common problem for people with dyslexia. Mary's educational psychologist recommends that Mary's difficulties in this regard could be overcome if the lecturers gave their notes to Mary. Mary approaches the Head of the Law Faculty and informs the Head of her problems and also what could help her and gives the Head the report of the educational psychologist. The Head feels that she is just lazy and so does nothing about this. Is there anything Mary can do? Does she have any legal remedies? If she has a legal remedy please explain in general terms what Mary needs to prove.
3. Reference is often made to the "international community" and its obligations towards refugees. But who is responsible for refugees in practice?

SECTION B

4. Families who experience adversity should or should not be targeted by helping professionals? Taking a position on this statement discuss key factors for or against targeted interventions.
5. How do we conceptualise and measure the effects of place on health?
6. "[F]or local government to be genuinely reformed, a devolution of substantial functions and decision-making powers would have to take place, and an independent source of finance would have to be granted in order to guarantee greater local discretion" (Keogan, "Reform in Irish Local Government" in Callanan and Keogan (eds) *Local Government in Ireland: Inside Out*, p. 96).

In relation to this quote, discuss recent attempts to make local government more meaningful.

SECTION C

7. Examine the current balance of care for dependent older people in Ireland. To what extent are current funding arrangements responsible for the balance between community care and residential care for dependent older people in the country?
8. Angus Deaton has argued that "... There is no link from income inequality to ill-health, in the sense that individuals are no more likely to be sick or to die if they live in more unequal places [countries]". Outline Deaton's findings and contrast them with the analysis of Richard Wilkinson.
9. Explain recent trends in fertility in Ireland. Discuss with reference to economic and social changes.