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THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

2ND ARTS EXAMINATIONS 1998-99

SEMESTER 2

HISTORY

Course HI 229 — **MEDIEVAL EUROPE, 5th to 9th Century**

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Time allowed: **TWO** hours
Answer **THREE** questions

1. What are the arguments in favour and against Walter Goffart's theory about the 'techniques of accommodation' used by the Romans in the 5th-6th centuries to cope with the Germanic invasions?
2. Assess the importance of Clovis's conversion to Catholicism for the success of the Franks.
3. Compare the relative importance of the monastic and episcopal churches in Gaul in the period from c. AD 400 to c. AD 600?
4. How significant was the Irish role in the evolution of Frankish monasticism?
5. What, if any, were the features that distinguished the Visigothic kingdom of Spain in the 6th and 7th centuries?
6. Account for the decline of the Merovingians and the rise of the Carolingians.

or

How valid is the concept of a 'Carolingian Renaissance'?