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SEMESTER 1

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Social Policy

Time allowed: TWO Hours.

Please answer TWO of the following SIX questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. "The development of Irish Social policy during 1831-51 was piecemeal with no comprehensive plan and was influenced by British rule, the Catholic Church and the economy." Discuss .
2. "Future Irish education policy will have to focus on eliminating existing inequalities in the system." Discuss this statement in light of the inequalities which exist in Irish education and the policy measures which have been introduced to redress such inequalities
3. Is the current system of income maintenance appropriate in this Celtic tiger environment?
4. 'Irish housing policy is characterised by a unique imbalance in relation to home-ownership, leaving private renting as the 'forgotten child' and local authority housing as the 'neglected child.' Discuss.
5. Discuss and analyse the methods of poverty measurement?
6. Explain how the Irish government finances social services and the social welfare system.