

OLLSCOIL NA hÉIREANN, GAILLIMH
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

SUMMER EXAMINATIONS 1999/2000

BA. Economic & Social Studies

FIRST YEAR

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SP102/104 INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS/IRISH POLITICS

Time allowed: Three Hours

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

Section A: Introduction to Politics

1. What is the role performed by a political ideology?
2. Assess the core principles of liberalism.
3. How do the ideas of the New Right differ from those of traditional conservatism?
4. What did Marx add to socialist thinking?
5. 'Both anarchist and feminists share a common critique of patriarchal and other forms of authority'. Discuss.
6. Is Irish nationalism now an anachronistic ideology?

Section B: Irish Politics

7. Explain the origins and longevity of the Irish party system.
8. How has the Irish electoral system affected Irish politics?
9. Is Dail Eireann still 'one of the worst organised, equipped and informed parliaments in the democratic world'?
10. Why did Unionist State (1921-72) fail to win the allegiance of the North's nationalists?
11. Does the future of the 'peace process' depend on the successful implementation of the Good Friday Agreement?
12. What has most affected Irish politics since the 1990s: the 'Celtic Tiger' or the various religious, financial and political 'scandals'?