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SP101/103 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY/IRISH SOCIETY

Time allowed: Three Hours

Answer THREE questions in all,

1. How do theories of crime help us understand criminal behaviour in the Irish context?
2. Does modernisation theory yield a better account of Ireland's place in Europe and the world than dependency theory?
3. Outline the methods and perspectives used by sociologists in examining the social world. What relevance has sociology for understanding society?
4. How convincing is the secularisation thesis in the study of religion in contemporary Ireland?
5. Evaluate the role of the media in shaping public opinion in Ireland today.
6. Have the educational reforms of recent decades succeeded in overcoming class inequality. Discuss in relation to the Irish case.
7. How effective have Irish policy measures been in reducing poverty and/or inequality in Ireland?
8. Irish society is little concerned about the environment. Discuss.
9. Critically examine the elements of class in Irish society, identifying ways in which class structure influences the life chances of groups and individuals.
10. Does the media play a substantial role in influencing behaviour in Ireland today?
11. Can sociology be considered a 'science of society'?
12. The family based on marriage is a crucial constituent in the meaning and organisation of Irish society. Discuss.

5. An gcothaíonn struchtúr na n-aicmí éagothroime sa tsochaí? É seo a phlé.
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Déan measúnú ar thuairimí **BHEIRT** theoiricithe ar an gcaoi a bhfeidhmíonn an aicme sa tsochaí nua-aimseartha.
6. An féidir breathnú ar an Lucht Siúil mar ghrúpa mionlaigh i sochaí na hÉireann?
7. An bhfuil an borradh eacnamaíoch i ré an Tíogair Cheiltigh ag déanamh leas cothrom don tsochaí uile?
8. Déan plé ar cheist “dheighilt an tsaothair ar bhonn inscne” agus ar na ceistanna a eascraíonn as. Tig leat samplaí a tharraingt ó shochaí na hÉireann sa lá atá inniu ann chun do thráchttaireacht a léiriú.
9. An cabhair ar bith é oideachas a bheith ar fáil ar bhonn níos forleithne chun an neamhionannas rachmais agus cumhachta a laghdú?
10. Cé na hathruithe atá tagtha ar struchtúr an teaghlaigh le cúpla scór bliain anuas? Déan plé ar impleachtaí na n-athruithe seo ar shochaí na hÉireann
11. Cén fáth a bhfuil Cúram Leanaí tagtha i dtreis mar mhórchéist pholaitiúil in Éirinn? Déan measúnú ar na hargóintí éagsúla atá á gcur chun cinn ag na príomhrannpháirtithe sa díospóireacht seo.