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MA in Community Development
Local Government

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Time allowed 3 Hours

Answer 3 Questions

1. What in your opinion, is the most productive means in which local government can contribute to community development?
2. Why do we need local government in Ireland?
3. Comment on the extent to which reform proposals published in the last decade would satisfactorily meet the need for change in the Irish local government system.
4. (A) In what way, if any, do the systems of local government in England and mainland Europe provide lessons for Ireland.

(B) Comment on the influence of the city and County Management system on the nature of local government in Ireland.
5. Comment on the degree to which participation by community groups in local government policy making structures is either desirable or practicable.