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SUMMER EXAMINATIONS 2000

**Master's Degree /Diploma in Rural Development  
First Year Examination**

**THIRD PAPER (EC540)  
PUBLIC POLICY & SECTORAL POLICIES**

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**Time allowed: THREE hours.**

**FOUR questions to be answered. TWO from Section A and TWO from Section B.**

**Use separate answer books for each question.**

**SECTION A: PUBLIC POLICY & SECTORAL POLICIES**

1. To what extent, if any, has the value judgement of efficiency been over-emphasised in the area of public policy-making in Ireland.
2. (a) What are the main approaches to measuring poverty over time?  
(b) Is there a poverty problem in Ireland?
3. What are the theoretical and practical issues that arise when doing cost-benefit analysis on public sector programmes?

## **SECTION B: AGRICULTURAL & INDUSTRIAL POLICY**

4. In the reading *Property Rights and Presumptive Policy Entitlements*, Bromley and Hodge ask us to consider 'A model of alternative property rights use.' Explain this alternative model. Explain, possibly using a diagram, how the alternative property rights structure results in a different outcome. How do you explain the existence of two 'efficient' outcomes? What fundamental point is being made by suggesting this alternative property rights structure?
5. Outline the way in which farm incomes are supported within the European Union. What pressures exist for further reform of this policy and, in your view, should further reform be welcomed or resisted?
6. Industrial Policy in Ireland since the foundation of the state has been characterised by a number of distinct phases. Outline these phases and comment on their influence on Industrial Policy in Ireland today.