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SECOND YEAR

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WOMEN IN IRISH SOCIETY

Answer **TWO** questions - **QUESTION 1** from Section A and **ONE** question from Section B.

Please use separate answer books for each section.

Time Allowed: 2 hours.

(Time allowed for students whose first language is not English: 2 ½ hours).

Section A

1. Analyse the ways in which the situation of women in Ireland has changed over the last 30 years. In your answer please make reference to material from at least two sections of the course.

Section B

2. Examine the changes in women's economic status during the last thirty years making reference to the impact of these changes on women's roles in the family.

3. Outline and discuss the main provisions and implications of the Employment Equality Act, 1977, for Irish women.

4. What is your theory of gender? Discuss in relation to gender relations in contemporary Irish society.

5(a) Analyse the ways in which the work of contemporary Irish women writers is concerned with the re-evaluation of gender and gender roles in Irish society with reference to the work of any two writers included in this course

OR

5(b) In his introduction to 'New Irish Writing' David Marcus remarked that contemporary Irish writing reflects 'a country being rudely awakened from a long sleep of unquestioning conservatism'. Discuss, with reference to the poetry or short stories of any two writers included in this course.