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HI 251 Ireland in the Nineteenth Century

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Time: Two hours

Answer three questions

Substantial duplication of material should be avoided.

1. Discuss the view that the Act of Union sowed the seeds of Irish nationalism.
2. Identify and discuss the developments which enabled more widespread participation in nineteenth-century Irish political life.
3. Discuss the view that the land issue was of great use to nationalists who sought to harness a sense of grievance.
4. Can it be said that the Catholic Church was a major political player in nineteenth-century Irish political life? Give reasons for your answer.
5. Discuss the political strategies adopted by nineteenth-century Irish women.
6. In what ways did cultural identity become a weapon in nineteenth-century Ireland?
7. Do you agree that nineteenth-century Irish politics cannot be examined without taking Irish Americans into account?
8. How valid is the view that Parnell's success lay in his pragmatism.
9. Discuss the view that both nationalists and unionists proved adept at recycling accounts of past events for political purposes.
10. Outline the debates involved in the conflicting interpretations of two nineteenth-century issues.

11. Discuss the developments which led to an increasing rift between Ulster and the rest of Ireland in the course of the nineteenth century.

12. Define constitutional and physical force nationalism, and consider the advantages and disadvantages of each for those who sought to bring about change in nineteenth-century Ireland.