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HISTORY

COURSE HI250; TUDOR IRELAND

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Time allowed: **Two hours**
Answer **Three** Questions

1. Why were the earls of Kildare so dominant in Ireland politics in the period 1470-1534?
2. How successful was Sir Edward Poynings as governor of Ireland, 1494-5?
3. How fundamental were the differences between Gaelic and English society in Ireland c.1500?
4. How ripe for reform was the church in Ireland on the eve of the Reformation?
5. Discuss the changing methods by which successive English-born governors of Ireland tried to protect their position and build up their support, 1534-76.
6. Assess the strategy and tactics of individual Gaelic chiefs in resisting Tudor expansion in Ireland, 1534-70.
7. Discuss the methods by which the Tudors tried to build up a reformed national Church of Ireland in the sixteenth century.
8. Trace the development of the role accorded to colonization projects in Tudor campaign to reduce and assimilate Gaelic Ireland.
9. Discuss the reasons for the growing disenchantment of the Old English with Tudor rule.
10. Why were the Ulster chiefs generally unsuccessful in their attempts to secure Old English support for their movement during the Nine Years War?
11. To what extent was the growth of an Irish nation and sense of identity the product of Tudor methods of state formation?
12. Discuss the advantages and shortcomings of Gaelic bardic poetry as a source for analyzing the Gaelic response to the Tudor conquest.