



**Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit  
State Examinations Commission**

**Leaving Certificate Examination, 2004**

**HISTORY - HIGHER LEVEL**

(400 marks)

**TUESDAY, 15 JUNE - AFTERNOON, 2.00 - 5.20**

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**Answer from ONE COURSE ONLY (Course I or Course II). All questions are of equal value.**

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## COURSE I

### Renaissance Civilisation

(Irish History, 1477-1625; European History, 1453-1618)

Answer FIVE QUESTIONS, taking only ONE question from each of the sections A,B,C,D,E.

#### A

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| <p><b>A.1. Henry VII</b><br/>“Henry VII took little interest in Ireland during his reign, 1485 – 1509.”<br/>Discuss.<br/>(80)</p> <p><b>A.2. The Pale</b><br/>Treat of the political, social and economic conditions in the Pale around 1500.<br/>(80)</p> <p><b>A.3. Gaelic Ireland</b><br/>“Gaelic Ireland in Tudor times was distinctive in both its secular and its religious life.”<br/>Discuss.<br/>(80)</p> | <p><b>A.4. Religious Change</b><br/>Discuss the extent to which religious change took place in Ireland during the reigns of Henry VIII and Edward VI, 1509 – 1553.<br/>(80)</p> <p><b>A.5. Queen Mary Tudor</b><br/>Discuss the religious and political policies of Queen Mary Tudor in Ireland, 1553 – 1558.<br/>(80)</p> |
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| <p><b>B.1. Elizabeth I</b><br/>Discuss the changing position of Catholics in Ireland during the reign of Elizabeth I, 1558 – 1603.<br/>(80)</p> <p><b>B.2. The Composition of Connacht</b><br/>Discuss the problems confronting the Elizabethan government in Connacht, and the government’s reactions to these problems.<br/>(80)</p> <p><b>B.3. European Powers and Ireland</b><br/>Treat of the interventions of European Powers in the affairs of Elizabethan Ireland.<br/>(80)</p> | <p><b>B.4. The Nine Years War</b><br/>Account for the initial success and ultimate defeat of Hugh O’Neill in the Nine Years War.<br/>(80)</p> <p><b>B.5. James I</b><br/>Discuss plantation and the Catholic question as aspects of the government of Ireland during the reign of James I, 1603 – 1625.<br/>(80)</p> |
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| <p><b>C.1. Monarchies</b><br/>Discuss the methods used by <b>one</b> of the following to become ‘<i>master of his kingdom</i>’:<br/>Louis XI of France, 1461 – 1483;<br/>Henry VII of England, 1485 – 1509;<br/>Emperor Maximilian I, 1493 – 1519.<br/>(80)</p> <p><b>C.2. The Renaissance in Italy</b><br/>“The Renaissance in Italy involved both creativity in the arts and a new attitude to life.”<br/>Discuss.<br/>(80)</p> | <p><b>C.3. Erasmus</b><br/>Discuss the career and achievements of Desiderius Erasmus, 1468 – 1563.<br/>(80)</p> <p><b>C.4. European Expansion Overseas</b><br/>Explain why Portugal and Spain expanded overseas, and how that expansion affected Europe.<br/>(80)</p> <p><b>C.5. Ivan the Terrible, Tsar of Russia</b><br/>“Ivan the Terrible sought to increase his power within the state and to expand the frontiers of the state.”<br/>Discuss.<br/>(80)</p> |
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| <p><b>D.1. Martin Luther</b><br/>Discuss the contribution of Martin Luther to the Reformation in Germany.<br/>(80)</p> <p><b>D.2. Calvinism</b><br/>How far were Calvin's ideas realised in Geneva during his rule?<br/>(80)</p> <p><b>D.3. Charles V</b><br/>How successful was Charles V in achieving his aim of suppressing Protestantism and leading a crusade against the Turks?<br/>(80)</p> | <p><b>D.4. Philip II</b><br/>Discuss the view that the reign of Philip II (1556 – 1598) was a disaster for Spain.<br/>(80)</p> <p><b>D.5. The Thirty Years War</b><br/>"Religion was by no means the only cause of the Thirty Years War."<br/>Discuss.<br/>(80)</p> |
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## E

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| <p><b>E.1. Ireland, 1477 – 1625</b><br/><b>Research Topic</b></p> <p>(i) Write an account of the research topic in Irish history, 1477 – 1625, of which you have made a special study but which <b>you have not used</b> in your answering of Sections A and B. (56)</p> <p>(ii) Name fully <b>TWO</b> sources you consulted in your research and briefly evaluate <b>ONE</b> of them. (14)</p> <p>(iii) Name <b>TWO</b> skills of the historian that you acquired through researching your topic, and show how you applied those skills. (10)</p> <p><b>E.2. Essay</b><br/>Write an essay on <b>ONE</b> of the following:</p> <p>(i) The Butlers of Ormond up to the death of Henry VIII, 1547.<br/>(ii) The policy of Surrender and Regrant.<br/>(iii) Shane O'Neill.<br/>(iv) Women in sixteenth-century Ireland.<br/>(v) The Irish in Europe during the sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries.<br/>(80)</p> | <p><b>E.3. Europe, 1453 – 1618</b><br/><b>Research Topic</b></p> <p>(i) Write an account of the research topic in European history, 1453 – 1618, of which you have made a special study but which <b>you have not used</b> in your answering of Sections C and D. (56)</p> <p>(ii) Name fully <b>TWO</b> sources you consulted in your research and briefly evaluate <b>ONE</b> of them. (14)</p> <p>(iii) Name <b>TWO</b> skills of the historian that you acquired through researching your topic, and show how you applied those skills. (10)</p> <p><b>E.4. Essay</b><br/>Write an essay on <b>ONE</b> of the following:</p> <p>(i) Savonarola, 1452 – 1498.<br/>(ii) How Ferdinand and Isabella laid the foundations of Spanish unity and power.<br/>(iii) The reform of the Catholic church during the Counter-Reformation.<br/>(iv) Henry IV of France, 1589 – 1610.<br/>(v) Developments in science and medicine, 1453–1618.<br/>(80)</p> |
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## COURSE II

### Contemporary Civilisation

(Irish History, 1868-1966; European History, 1870-1966)

Answer FIVE QUESTIONS, taking only ONE question from each of the sections A,B,C,D,E.

#### A

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| <p><b>A.1. W. E. Gladstone</b><br/>Discuss the part played by Gladstone in Irish affairs, 1868 – 1894.<br/>(80)</p>  | <p><b>A.4. Cultural Nationalism</b><br/>How important were the Gaelic Athletic Association and the Gaelic League in the shaping of Ireland’s cultural identity in the years before 1916?<br/>(80)</p> |
| <p><b>A.2. C. S. Parnell</b><br/>Discuss critically the view that Parnell provided outstanding leadership throughout his political career.<br/>(80)</p>          | <p><b>A.5. From Treaty to Civil War</b><br/>Why was Dáil Éireann so deeply divided on the question of the Anglo-Irish Treaty (1921) and how did that division develop into Civil War?<br/>(80)</p>    |
| <p><b>A.3. The Conservatives and Ireland</b><br/>How successful were the Irish policies of Conservative governments during the period, 1886 – 1906?<br/>(80)</p> |   |

#### B

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| <p><b>B.1. Partition</b><br/>Discuss the impact of partition on Ireland, North and South, 1922 – 1966.<br/>(80)</p>  | <p><b>B.4. The Labour Movement</b><br/>Discuss the fortunes of the Irish labour movement, 1922 – 1966.<br/>(80)</p>  |
| <p><b>B.2. Cumann na nGaedheal</b><br/>“Security, the economy and Anglo-Irish relations were key concerns of Cumann na nGaedheal in power, 1923 – 1932.”<br/>Discuss.<br/>(80)</p> | <p><b>B.5. Seán Lemass</b><br/>“The term of office of Seán Lemass as Taoiseach (1959 – 1966) was of pivotal importance in a period of rapid change.”<br/>Discuss.<br/>(80)</p> |
| <p><b>B.3. Anglo-Irish Relations</b><br/>How successful was Eamon de Valera’s handling of Anglo-Irish relations, 1932 – 1945?<br/>(80)</p>   |  |

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| <p><b>C.1. Bismarck</b><br/>“Bismarck showed greater political skill in foreign affairs than in domestic affairs.”<br/>Discuss.<br/>(80)</p>   | <p><b>C.3. Anglo-German Relations</b><br/>Treat of relations between Britain and Germany between 1890 and 1914.<br/>(80)</p>               |
| <p><b>C.2. European Expansion Overseas</b><br/>Explain why European countries expanded overseas during the period, 1870 – 1914, and how that expansion affected Europe.<br/>(80)</p> | <p><b>C.4. The Austro-Hungarian Empire</b><br/>Discuss the impact of nationalism on the Austro-Hungarian Empire, 1870 – 1918.<br/>(80)</p> |
|  | <p><b>C.5. Lenin</b><br/>Assess the part played by Lenin in the history of Russia.<br/>(80)</p>  |

## D

### D.1. Economic History

Treat of economic developments in Europe (excluding the Soviet Union) **either** in the period, 1919 – 1939 **or** in the period, 1945 – 1966.

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### D.2. Fascism in Europe

What were the principal characteristics of European fascism in the inter-war period?

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### D.3. Hitler

Discuss Hitler's foreign policy between his coming to power in 1933 and 1941, when Germany invaded the Soviet Union.

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### D.4. Europe, 1945 - 1966

Discuss, as national leader **and** international statesman, **either** Konrad Adenauer **or** Nikita Khrushchev.

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### D.5. The United States and Europe

Discuss the involvement of the United States in European affairs between 1941, when the Americans entered World War II, and 1966.

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## E

### E.1. Ireland, 1868 – 1966

#### Research Topic

(i) Write an account of the research topic in Irish history, 1868 – 1966, of which you have made a special study but which **you have not used** in your answering of Sections A and B.

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(ii) Name fully **TWO** sources you consulted in your research, and briefly evaluate **ONE** of them.

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(iii) Name **TWO** skills of the historian that you acquired, through researching your topic, and show how you applied those skills.

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### E.2. Essay

Write an essay on **ONE** of the following:

- (i) Isaac Butt.
- (ii) Lady Gregory and the Abbey Theatre.
- (iii) The Blueshirts.
- (iv) The first Inter-Party Government, 1948 – 1951.
- (v) The media in Ireland, 1922 – 1966.

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### E.3. Europe, 1870 – 1966

#### Research Topic

(i) Write an account of the research topic in European history, 1870 – 1966, of which you have made a special study but which **you have not used** in your answering of Sections C and D.

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(ii) Name fully **TWO** sources you consulted in your research, and briefly evaluate **ONE** of them.

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(iii) Name **TWO** skills of the historian that you acquired, through researching your topic, and show how you applied those skills.

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### E.4. Essay

Write an essay on **ONE** of the following:

- (i) Reforms in Great Britain, 1870 – 1914.
- (ii) Political and social developments in Germany under Kaiser Wilhelm II.
- (iii) Developments in warfare during World War I.
- (iv) Stalin's rule in the Soviet Union (to 1941).
- (v) Charles de Gaulle.

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