



**Coimisiún na Scrúduithe Stáit
State Examinations Commission**

Leaving Certificate Examination, 2005

HISTORY - HIGHER LEVEL

(400 marks)

WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE - AFTERNOON, 2.00 - 5.20

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

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.

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| <p>A.1. The Pale
Treat of the political, social and economic conditions in the Pale circa 1500.
(80)</p> <p>A.2. The Butlers of Ormond
Discuss the part played by the Butlers of Ormond in Irish affairs from 1477 up to the death of Henry VIII.
(80)</p> <p>A.3. The Church in Ireland
Treat of the condition of the Church in Ireland before the Reformation.
(80)</p> | <p>A.4. Surrender and Regrant
Consider the meaning, aims and effects of the policy of “surrender and regrant”.
(80)</p> <p>A.5. Edward VI and Mary Tudor
Assess the impact on Ireland of the reigns of Edward VI (1547 – 1553) and Mary Tudor (1553 – 1558).
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| <p>B.1. Ireland and Scotland
Treat of the political and military connections between Ireland and Scotland in the second half of the sixteenth century.
(80)</p> <p>B.2. The O’Neills of Tyrone
Explain why Hugh O’Neill presented a more formidable challenge to Tudor rule in Ireland than did Shane O’Neill.
(80)</p> <p>B.3. The Counter-Reformation in Ireland
Discuss the extent to which, from 1542 onwards, Ireland was affected by the Counter-Reformation.
(80)</p> | <p>B.4. James Fitzmaurice Fitzgerald
Discuss the part played by James Fitzmaurice Fitzgerald in the affairs of Munster during the reign of Elizabeth I, 1558 – 1603.
(80)</p> <p>B.5. Plantations
Do you consider that the Plantation of Ulster was more successful than the Plantation of Munster? Explain your answer.
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| <p>C.1. Ferdinand and Isabella
Describe the methods used by Ferdinand and Isabella to consolidate their power in Spain and estimate the extent to which they were successful.
(80)</p> <p>C.2. The Duchy of Burgundy
Discuss the influence of the Duchy of Burgundy on the political and cultural affairs of Europe during the late fifteenth century.
(80)</p> | <p>C.3. Portuguese Expansion Overseas
“Portuguese expansion overseas involved exploration, colonisation and trade.”
Discuss.
(80)</p> <p>C.4. Renaissance Florence
Assess the part played by Florence in the Italian Renaissance.
(80)</p> <p>C.5. France and Italy
Treat of the involvement of the kings of France in Italy during the period, 1494 – 1529.
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D.1. The Reformation in Switzerland

Discuss the part played by Zwingli and Calvin in the Reformation in Switzerland.

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D.2. The Counter-Reformation

Treat of the strengths and weaknesses of the Counter-Reformation.

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D.3. The French Wars of Religion

“Religion was by no means the only cause of the French Wars of Religion.”

Discuss.

(80)

D.4. Elizabeth I, 1558 – 1603

Evaluate the importance of the reign of Elizabeth I in English history.

(80)

D.5. The Revolt of the Netherlands, 1566 – 1609

“The revolt of the Netherlands, 1566 – 1609 was motivated by many causes and involved different groups of people.”

Discuss.

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E

E.1. Ireland, 1477 – 1625

Research Topic

(i) Write an account of the research topic in Irish history, 1477 – 1625, of which you have made a special study but which **you have not used** in your answering of Sections A and B. (60)

(ii) Accurately cite **TWO** sources which you consulted and describe the research process, as you undertook it, from your initial idea to your final presentation. (20)

E.2. Essay

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

- (i) Garret Mór Fitzgerald.
- (ii) Towns and trade in sixteenth-century Ireland.
- (iii) The presidencies of Munster and Connaught.
- (iv) The Spanish Armada and Ireland.
- (v) Gaelic literature in Ireland, 1477 – 1625. (80)

E.3. Europe, 1453 – 1618

Research Topic

(i) Write an account of the research topic in European history, 1453 – 1618, of which you have made a special study but which **you have not used** in your answering of Sections C and D. (60)

(ii) Accurately cite **TWO** sources which you consulted and describe the research process, as you undertook it, from your initial idea to your final presentation. (20)

E.4. Essay

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

- (i) The Ottoman Turks, 1453 – 1571.
- (ii) The Spanish conquest of Mexico and Peru.
- (iii) The spread of Lutheranism in Germany.
- (iv) Desiderius Erasmus.
- (v) Literature in the vernacular, 1453 – 1618. (80)

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

A.1. The Land Question

Do you consider that the Conservatives did more than the Liberals to solve the “land question” in the period, 1870 – 1903? Explain your answer.

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A.2. Parnell

How did it happen that Parnell came to be such a dominant and effective political figure by 1886?

(80)

A.3. Irish Unionism, 1886 - 1914

Why was Unionist opposition to Home Rule for Ireland successful during the period, 1886 – 1914?

(80)

A.4. Cultural Nationalism

Explain how the various cultural movements from 1884 helped to bring about the 1916 Rising in Ireland.

(80)

A.5. Arthur Griffith

Assess the role of Arthur Griffith in Irish affairs during the period, 1898 – 1922.

(80)

B

B.1. The Irish Civil War, 1922 – 1923

Outline the origins, course and consequences of the Irish Civil War, 1922 – 1923.

(80)

B.2. Foreign Policy, 1922 – 1966

Discuss foreign policy as pursued by successive Irish governments during the period, 1922 – 1966.

(80)

B.3. Ireland during World War II

What were the problems faced by the country during the years, 1939 – 1945, and how did the government try to deal with those problems?

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B.4. First Inter-Party Government, 1948 - 1951

Assess what you consider to have been the successes and failures of the First Inter-Party government, 1948 – 1951.

(80)

B.5. Ireland, North and South, 1945 - 1966

“The period after 1945 witnessed considerable change in Ireland, north and south.”

Discuss.

(80)

C

C.1. Great Britain, 1870 – 1914

What were the main reforms enacted in Great Britain during the period, 1870 – 1914, and how successful were they?

(80)

C.2. The Eastern Question

To what extent was the “Eastern Question” a source of tension in Europe during the period, 1870 – 1914?

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C.3. Tsar Russia, 1904 – 1917

Discuss the Russian experience of revolution at home and war abroad during the period, 1904 – 1917.

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C.4. International Relations, 1890 – 1914

“From the fall of Bismarck, 1890, to the outbreak of World War I, 1914, international relations worsened.”

Discuss.

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C.5. World War I

Discuss German military and naval strategy in World War I.

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| <p>D.1. France, 1919 – 1940
Account for the decline and fall of the third French Republic during the period, 1919 – 1940.
(80)</p> | <p>D.4. World War II
Assess the importance of operations in the Mediterranean theatre during World War II.
(80)</p> |
| <p>D.2. Stalin
“From the death of Lenin, 1924, up to Hitler’s invasion of Russia, 1941, Stalin consolidated his personal power and transformed the U.S.S.R.”
Discuss.
(80)</p> | <p>D.5. The Cold War
Account for the development of the Cold War in Europe during the period, 1945 – 1966.
(80)</p> |
| <p>D.3. Nazi Germany, 1933 – 1939
How did Hitler and the Nazi Party turn Germany into a totalitarian state during the period, 1933 – 1939?
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| <p>E.1. Ireland, 1868 – 1966
Research Topic</p> <p>(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.
(60)</p> <p>(ii) Accurately cite TWO sources which you consulted and describe the research process, as you undertook it, from your initial idea to your final presentation.
(20)</p> | <p>E.3. Europe, 1870 – 1966
Research Topic</p> <p>(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.
(60)</p> <p>(ii) Accurately cite TWO sources which you consulted and describe the research process, as you undertook it, from your initial idea to your final presentation.
(20)</p> |
| <p>E.2. Essay
Write an essay on ONE of the following:</p> <p>(i) Michael Davitt.
(ii) “Killing Home Rule with kindness”.
(iii) John Redmond.
(iv) Northern Ireland, 1920 – 1945.
(v) The Irish economy, 1922 – 1966.
(80)</p> | <p>E.4. Essay
Write an essay on ONE of the following:</p> <p>(i) Italy, 1870 – 1914.
(ii) Socialism, 1870 – 1918.
(iii) The Versailles Settlement, 1919.
(iv) The U.S.S.R. and World War II.
(v) Moves towards European unity, 1945 – 1966.
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