



Ireland & The Union
History Past Exam Questions
Higher Level

2013

Section 2 - Question 1

Ireland: Topic 1
Ireland and the Union, 1815-1870

Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. What were the main social and economic developments in Ireland during the period 1815-1850? (100)
2. What were Daniel O'Connell's strengths and weaknesses as a political leader? (100)
3. Which brought about greater change, Fenianism or Liberal reforms? Argue your case, referring to both. (100)
4. What did Cardinal Paul Cullen and/or Mother Mary Aikenhead contribute to Irish affairs? (100)

2012

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. What were Daniel O'Connell's most important aims and to what extent did he achieve them? (100)
2. How effective were government and/or private responses to the Famine? (100)
3. How did one or more of the following affect economy and society up to 1870: education; the railways; industrial development in Belfast? (100)
4. What were the main developments in science and technology and/or the creative arts in Ireland during the period 1815-1870? (100)

2011

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. What were the changes in the political structures in Ireland, 1815-1870? (100)
2. How did the Famine begin and why did it last so long? (100)
3. What did Charles Kickham and/or James Stephens contribute to Fenianism? (100)
4. What did one or more of the following contribute to cultural/religious identity in Ireland: William Carleton; Thomas Davis; Cardinal Paul Cullen? (100)

2010

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. Why did O'Connell achieve Emancipation and fail to achieve Repeal? (100)
2. What were the social and economic effects of emigration and/or the coming of the railways? (100)
3. What did the Young Ireland movement and/or Fenianism contribute to Irish nationalism? (100)
4. What was the contribution to Irish affairs of Asenath Nicholson and/or Mother Mary Aikenhead? (100)

2009

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. What was Daniel O'Connell's contribution to the campaigns for Emancipation and Repeal? (100)
2. During the period 1815-1850, what social and economic changes took place in Ireland? (100)
3. What did Thomas Davis and/or Charles Kickham contribute to Irish nationalism? (100)
4. What was the importance of Cardinal Paul Cullen in the history of Irish Catholicism? (100)

2008

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. What were the strengths and weaknesses of Daniel O'Connell as a politician? (100)
2. What was the contribution to Irish affairs of Charles Trevelyan and/or Asenath Nicholson? (100)
3. What did Young Ireland and/or Fenianism contribute to Irish nationalism? (100)
4. During the period, 1815-1870, what were the key developments in the creative arts and/or science and technology in Ireland? (100)