



**Movements for Political/Social Reform**

**History Past Exam Questions**

**Higher Level**

**2013**

**Section 2 - Question 2**

*Ireland: Topic 2*

**Movements for political and social reform, 1870-1914**

Answer one of the following questions:

1. How did the Home Rule movement develop during the period 1870-1886? (100)
2. What were the social and economic effects of industrial development in Belfast and/or the Co-operative movement? (100)
3. During the period 1870-1914, which was more successful, land agitation or the 1913 strike and lockout? Argue your case, referring to both. (100)
4. How did one or more of the following provoke controversy: the GAA; the Suffrage movement; the Anglo-Irish Literary Revival? (100)

**2012**

**Section 2 - Question 2**

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**Movements for political and social reform, 1870-1914**

Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. What did you learn about the history of women from your study of one or more of the following: the Suffrage movement; Isabella Tod; Hanna Sheehy-Skeffington? (100)
2. What were Parnell's strengths and weaknesses as a political leader? (100)
3. What was the Ulster Question and how did Unionism develop, 1870-1914? (100)
4. What did one or more of the following contribute to cultural revival during the period 1870-1914: the GAA; the Gaelic League; the Anglo-Irish Literary Revival? (100)

**2011**

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. What attempts were made to gain Home Rule, 1870-1886, and why were those attempts unsuccessful? (100)
2. How did Unionism develop during the period 1886-1914? (100)
3. What did Douglas Hyde and/or W.B. Yeats contribute to cultural life in Ireland? (100)
4. How effectively did James Larkin seek improvements for workers? (100)

**2010**

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. What did Charles Stewart Parnell contribute to land reform and to the development of the Home Rule movement? (100)
2. What were the main social and economic developments in Belfast and/or Dublin during the period 1870-1914? (100)
3. Which organisation was more effective, the GAA or the Gaelic League? Argue your case, referring to both. (100)
4. How successful was Edward Carson as a leader of Unionism? (100)

**2009**

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. Who was the more effective leader of the Home Rule movement, Butt or Parnell?  
Argue your case, referring to both. (100)
2. To what extent was the Dublin strike and lockout, 1913, a success or a failure? (100)
3. What was the contribution of Michael Davitt to social and political reform? (100)
4. What developments took place in Ulster Unionism or in the industrialisation of Belfast, 1870-1914? (100)

**2008**

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**Movements for political and social reform, 1870-1914**

Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. To what extent did the land agitation of the period, 1870-1914, lead to land reform? (100)
2. What were the problems facing Ireland's urban poor and what attempts were made to solve them in the period to 1914? (100)
3. What did one or more of the following contribute to the cultural revivals of the period 1870-1914: the GAA; the Gaelic League; W. B. Yeats? (100)
4. In the period to 1914, who was the more effective leader, John Redmond or Edward Carson? Argue your case, referring to both leaders. (100)