



Sovereignty & the Impact of Partition

History Past Exam Questions

Higher Level

2013

Section 2 - Question 3

Ireland: Topic 3

The pursuit of sovereignty and the impact of partition, 1912-1949

Answer one of the following questions:

1. What were the fortunes of the Sinn Féin movement during the period 1912-1922? (100)
2. During the period 1922-1939, how successful were Irish governments in responding to the economic challenges they faced? (100)
3. How did Anglo-Irish relations develop under Éamon de Valera, 1932-1945? (100)
4. What was the impact of World War II on Ireland, North and South? (100)

2012

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. How did the threat and use of physical force affect Ireland during the period 1912-1923? (100)
2. How did the government of Northern Ireland deal with economic problems and/or threats to security, 1920-1945? (100)
3. What was the significance of the Eucharistic Congress, 1932? (100)
4. How did Anglo-Irish relations develop during the period 1923-1949? (100)

2011

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. What did one or more of the following contribute to Irish affairs: Patrick Pearse; Arthur Griffith; Countess Markievicz? (100)
2. How did the Irish government contribute to the consolidation of democracy, 1922-1932? (100)
3. What were the strengths and weaknesses of Éamon de Valera as a political leader? (100)
4. What was the impact on Northern Ireland of international developments during the period 1932-1945? (100)

2010

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. During the period 1912-1920, what factors contributed to the partition of Ireland? (100)
2. Who handled Anglo-Irish relations better, W. T. Cosgrave or Éamon de Valera?
Argue your case, referring to both. (100)
3. To what extent did the 1932 Eucharistic Congress and/or the language and education policies of Irish governments promote Irish cultural identity? (100)
4. How did the Unionist Party in power respond to the challenges posed by the existence of a substantial nationalist minority within Northern Ireland? (100)

2009

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. Why were the Anglo-Irish Treaty negotiations controversial? (100)
2. What were the main social and economic challenges facing Northern Ireland, 1920-1945? (100)
3. During the period 1932-1945, which did Éamon de Valera manage better, the economy or Anglo-Irish relations? Argue your case, referring to both. (100)
4. What attempts were made to promote cultural identity, North and South, during the period, 1912-1945? (100)

2008

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. To what extent was the Anglo-Irish Treaty, 1921, responsible for the Irish Civil War?
(100)
2. What steps did Irish governments take to consolidate democracy, 1923-1945?
(100)
3. What was the significance of the Eucharistic Congress, 1932, for the Irish Free State?
(100)
4. How well did the Unionist Party manage the affairs of Northern Ireland, 1920-1939?
(100)