



The Irish Diaspora
History Past Exam Questions
Higher Level

2013

Section 2 - Question 4

Ireland: Topic 4
The Irish diaspora, 1840-1966

Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. What were the main challenges and opportunities facing Irish emigrants in North America, 1840-1920? (100)
2. What were the main trends in Irish emigration, 1920-1966? (100)
3. What was the role played in the Catholic Church by Mother Mary Martin and/or the Holy Ghost mission to Nigeria, 1945-1966? (100)
4. What was the impact John F. Kennedy on Ireland and the US? (100)

2012

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. What was the importance of Grosse Isle in the history of Irish emigration? (100)
2. What part was played by one or more of the following in the affairs of Irish-America:
the Molly Maguires; John Devoy; Boss Croker; Joe Kennedy? (100)
3. How did the life and writings of Domhnall Mac Amhlaigh reflect Irish emigrant experience?
(100)
4. What did you learn about Irish emigration in the twentieth century from your study of one or
more of the following: film and music; John F. Kennedy; tourism and heritage? (100)

2011

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. During the period 1840-1914, why did so many Irish people emigrate to the US and to what extent did they become assimilated? (100)
2. Why was de Valera's mission to America (June 1919 - December 1920) controversial? (100)
3. What were the main social and economic challenges facing the Irish in Britain, 1920-1966? (100)
4. How successful were Irish missionaries in Africa and/or Asia? (100)

2010

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. What did the Irish experience at Grosse Isle? (100)
2. Why was the US the main destination of Irish emigrants and why was there anti-Irish sentiment there between the Famine and World War I? (100)
3. What were the main trends in Irish emigration during the period 1920-1966? (100)
4. What did you learn about the Catholic Church and the Irish diaspora from your study of one or more of the following: Archbishop Daniel Mannix; Mother Mary Martin; Bishop Edward Galvin? (100)

2009

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. What factors, at home and abroad, contributed to Irish emigration during the period, 1840-1914? (100)
2. Why was there anti-Irish sentiment in the US and/or Britain in the nineteenth century? (100)
3. During the period 1922-1966, why did so many people emigrate to Britain and to what extent did they become assimilated? (100)
4. What were the aims and achievements of the Holy Ghost mission to Nigeria, 1945-1966? (100)

2008

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. Why was the quarantine station at Grosse Isle important in the history of Irish emigration? (100)
2. How successful were Irish nationalists and/or Unionists in their efforts to gain the support of the Irish abroad, 1840-1920? (100)
3. What impact did Irish missionaries have in Africa and/or Asia? (100)
4. How well did the writings of Domhnall Mac Amhlaigh reflect Irish emigrant experience in England? (100)