



**Republic – Government, Society, Economy**

**History Past Exam Questions**

**Higher Level**

**2013**

**Section 2 - Question 6**

*Ireland: Topic 6*

**Government, economy and society in the Republic of Ireland, 1949-1989**

Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. Is the term 'wasted years' a fair description of the period 1949-1959 in the Republic of Ireland? Give reasons for your answer. (100)
2. What were the main social and economic changes that took place in the Republic of Ireland, 1949-1989? (100)
3. Which contributed to greater change in the Republic of Ireland, Vatican II or RTÉ? Argue your case, referring to both. (100)
4. What did Charles Haughey and/or Garret FitzGerald contribute to Irish affairs? (100)

**2012**

**Section 2 - Question 6**

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. To what extent did the status of women change during the period 1949-1989? (100)
2. Who faced the greater challenges as Taoiseach, Seán Lemass or Jack Lynch? Argue your case, referring to both. (100)
3. How did Anglo-Irish relations develop during the period 1949-1989? (100)
4. What was the impact of the EEC on Irish fisheries and/or what was the impact of television on Irish society? (100)

**2011**

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. During the period 1949-1989, what were the main developments in one or more of the following: education; health; social welfare? (100)
2. Which affected the Republic of Ireland more, membership of the UN or membership of the EEC? Argue your case, referring to both. (100)
3. What was the contribution to Irish affairs of Charles Haughey and/or Garret FitzGerald? (100)
4. What did one or more of the following contribute to changing attitudes in the Republic of Ireland: T.K. Whitaker; Gay Byrne; Mary Robinson? (100)

**2010**

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. During the period 1949-1959, how successful were the social and economic policies of Irish governments? (100)
2. How effective was Seán Lemass as Taoiseach in his management of internal and external affairs? (100)
3. What were the main challenges facing Irish governments in the 1970s and 1980s, and how well did they deal with them? (100)
4. What was the impact of television and/or Vatican II on the Republic of Ireland? (100)

**2009**

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. What was the contribution of T.K. Whitaker and/or Seán Lemass to economic change in Ireland? (100)
2. How did membership of the UN and/or the EEC affect the Irish Republic? (100)
3. During the period 1949-1989, what changes took place in education and/or attitudes towards Irish language and culture? (100)
4. What impact had one or more of the following on Irish society: Archbishop J.C. McQuaid; Garret FitzGerald; Mary Robinson? (100)

2008

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Answer **one** of the following questions:

1. What were the main social and economic challenges facing Ireland in the period, 1949-1959? (100)
2. What did people such as Sylvia Meehan and/or Mary Robinson contribute to the changing role of woman in the Republic of Ireland, 1949-1989? (100)
3. How effective was Jack Lynch as Taoiseach in his management of Ireland's internal and external affairs? (100)
4. What was the impact of the communications revolution (including television) on Ireland? (100)