

Leaving Certificate History
Irish Module: Politics and society in Northern Ireland, 1949-1993
Past and sample questions

Cultural identity/ The Apprentice Boys

- 2014-** How did the people of Northern Ireland express their religious affiliation and cultural identity, 1949-1993.
- 2013-** What was the significance for Northern Ireland of one or more of the following: religious affiliation and cultural identity; the Apprentice Boys of Derry; Seamus Heaney?
- 2011-** What was the significance of the activities of the Apprentice Boys of Derry for both Unionists and Nationalists in Northern Ireland? (contextualisation)
- 2009-** To what extent were the activities of the Apprentice Boys of Derry and/or the choice of Coleraine as the site of Northern Ireland's second University divisive?
- 2007-** What problems and opportunities did ecumenism present to society in Northern Ireland between 1965 and 1993?
- 2006:** What was the contribution of the Apprentice Boys of Derry to the celebration of religious and cultural identity among that city's unionist majority?
- Sample:** Divided societies are sometimes culturally productive. How true is that statement of Northern Ireland, 1949-1993?

The Coleraine Controversy

- 2012:** What was the significance of the Coleraine University controversy and/or the activities of the Apprentice Boys of Derry?
- 2009-** To what extent were the activities of the Apprentice Boys of Derry and/or the choice of Coleraine as the site of Northern Ireland's second University divisive?
- 2008-** Why was the choice of Coleraine as the site for Northern Ireland's second university controversial?
- Sample-** During the 1960s, what was the nature of the controversy surrounding the choice of Coleraine as the site of Northern Ireland's second university?

Politics and administration of Northern Ireland

- 2014:** Which was more successful, the Sunningdale agreement (1973) or the Anglo-Irish agreement (1985)? Arguing your case referring to both.
- 2012:** What political attempts were made to resolve the "Troubles", 1969-1993? (100)
- 2009-** What was the importance of one or more of the following: the Sunningdale Agreement, 1973, The Anglo Irish Agreement, 1985, The Downing Street Declaration 1993?
- 2008-** What moves were made towards finding a peaceful resolution if the Troubles, 1973-1993?
- 2007-** What was the importance of each of the following: the Anglo Irish Agreement, 1985: The Downing Street Declaration, 1993?
- 2006-** Why was direct rule introduced 1972 and why did it last so long?
- Sample-** Why did the Anglo-Irish Agreement, 1985, last longer than the Sunningdale Agreement, 1973?

Politics and administration of Northern Ireland :The Sunningdale Agreement

2010- What were the difficulties associated with implementing the Sunningdale Agreement? (contextualisation)

2007-Account for the fall of Stormont and for the collapse of the power-sharing executive, 1973-1974

Politics and administration of Northern Ireland :Northern Ireland from Brookeborough to O'Neill

2012: How effective was the contribution of Terence O'Neill to the affairs of Northern Ireland?

2009: Who was the most effective leader of Northern Ireland, Brookeborough or O'Neill?, argue your case referring to both.

2006: What was the contribution of Terence O'Neill to the affairs of Northern Ireland during the period, 1949-1969?

Sample- How successful were Brookeborough and O'Neill, 1949-1969, in responding to the problems posed by the economy and/or community relations?

Society and economy of Northern Ireland

2014- What were the main social and economic changes that took place in Northern Ireland 1949-1993?

2013- How was Northern Ireland affected by developments in one or more of the following: education; health; housing?

2009- What were the social and economic effects of the troubles?

2008- How successful was the government of Northern Ireland in responding to social and economic problems, 1949-1969?

2007- What impact had the introduction of the welfare state to Northern Ireland on one or more of the following: education, housing, health?

2006- During the period 1949-1969, what was the impact of the Welfare State on one or more of the following: education, housing; health?

Civil rights Movement

2008- Why did the Civil rights movement emerge in Northern Ireland and was it successful?

Key Personalities

2014- What was the contribution to Northern Irish affairs of Bernadette Devlin and /or Margaret Thatcher?

2013-What were Brian Faulkner's strengths and weaknesses as a political leader?

2012- How effective was the contribution of Terence O'Neill to the affairs of Northern Ireland?

2012: . What was the impact of one or more of the following on Northern Ireland up to 1993: Bernadette Devlin; Ian Paisley; Seamus Heaney?

2006- What was the contribution of Terence O'Neill to the affairs of Northern Ireland during the period, 1949-1969?

Terrorism

2013- What was the impact of Republican and Loyalist terrorism on Northern Ireland?