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## ECONOMIC HISTORY OF IRELAND AND ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY. (HONOURS.)

*Wednesday, May 17th—7 p.m. to 10 p.m.*

Examiners { J. F. BURKE, ESQ., D.SC.  
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### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

You are carefully to enter on the Answer Book and Envelope supplied your Examination Number and the subject of examination, but you are not to write your name on either. No credit will be given for any Answer Book upon which your name is written, or upon which your Examination Number is not written.

You must not have with you any book, notes, or scribbling paper.

You are not allowed to write or make any marks upon your paper of questions.

You must not, under any circumstances whatever, speak to or communicate with another candidate; and no explanation of the subject of the examination may be asked for or given.

You must remain seated until your answer-book has been taken up, and then leave the examination-room quietly. You will not be permitted to leave before the expiration of twenty minutes from the beginning of the examination, and will not be re-admitted after having once left the room.

If you break any of these rules, or use any unfair means, you are liable to be dismissed from the examination, and your examination may be cancelled by the Department.

*Three hours are allowed for this paper. Answer-books unless previously given up, will be collected at 10 p.m.*



## INSTRUCTIONS.

*Read the General Instructions on page 1.*

- (a) Not more than **six** questions may be attempted, of which **three** must be taken from each section.
- (b) Each question should begin on a fresh page.
- (c) Write the number of the question before the answer.
- (d) Answers must be written in *ink*.
- (e) All questions are of equal value.

### Section A.—Economic History of Ireland.

*(Not more than **three** questions may be taken from this Section.)*

1. Describe briefly the rise and fall of the cattle trade during the seventeenth century. Indicate clearly the factors responsible for (a) the rise and (b) the fall.

2. Give a brief account of the progress of the linen industry during the period 1700-1770. Why was this industry selected for preferential treatment?

3. "Can those who hear me now," declared Foster on that memorable 17th February, 1800, "deny that since the period of 1782 this country has risen in civilisation, wealth and manufacture, until interrupted by the present war, in a greater proportion and with a more rapid progress than any other country in Europe?"

What evidence of national development under Grattan's Parliament could have been adduced in justification of this statement?

4. "Based on false premises, the financial arrangements of the Union were, from the beginning, unsound." Enumerate the financial clauses of the Act of Union and show how they support this view.

5. "The repeal of the Corn Laws in 1846 proved propitious for Great Britain; for Ireland, the change was little short of disastrous."

Examine the evidence that exists to show the evil effects of the repeal of the Corn Laws on Ireland.

### Section B.—Economic Geography.

*(Not more than **three** questions may be attempted. Additional credit will be given for illustrative sketch maps and diagrams.)*

6. Discuss the relationship between railways and the distribution of population. Illustrate your answer by reference to, say, Canada.

*Or*

"The commercial importance of rivers is very great." Illustrate this statement by reference to at least two rivers of Europe.

7. Outline the requirements for the economic production of *two* of the following:—

Cotton, Maize, Rice, Wool.

Indicate the relative importance of the main producing areas of the commodities you select.

8. What do you understand by the term "Monsoon." Explain how the monsoon is caused and discuss the application of the term "to climatic conditions outside the monsoon countries of Asia."

9. You are given a statistical table giving information under the following heads for each county in Saorstát Éireann:—

Area of the county.	Area under Turnips.	Number of Sheep.
" under Oats.	" " Mangels.	Population.
" " Barley.	Number of Horses.	
" " Potatoes.	" " Cattle.	

Describe how you would proceed to construct a series of diagrams for the purpose of illustrating the figures so as to enable you to trace relationships between the distribution of different crops, live stock, etc.

10. Write an informative comparative note on the use of coal, oil, and moving water as sources of power. Can you make any suggestions as to their relative possibilities in the future?