



**SEMESTER TWO 2023-2024**

**ABERYSTWYTH UNIVERSITY**

**DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS**

**IP28820/IP38820 BRITAIN AND IRELAND IN WAR AND PEACE  
SINCE 1800**

Time allowed: **2 HOURS**.

Please answer **TWO** questions from the list provided.

**CALCULATORS ARE NOT PERMITTED**

STUDENTS MAY SUBMIT ANSWERS TO THIS PAPER IN EITHER  
WELSH OR ENGLISH

Once seated, students may complete the front cover of the answer  
book(s) and the attendance slip **ONLY**.

**DO NOT TURN THE EXAMINATION QUESTION PAPER OVER UNTIL  
INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.**

1. Why did the British Parliament pass the Act of Union in 1800? What were its strengths and weaknesses as a piece of legislation?
2. Assess the importance of these events to the history of Ireland. A) The French Revolution; B) The 1848 Revolutions in Europe; and C) The First World War.
3. How did the Famine (1845-1850) impact upon relations between Ireland and Britain?
4. Why did Gladstone embrace Home Rule for Ireland? Why did he fail to achieve it?
5. Why did the forces of Unionism so fear Home Rule? How did they resist it before 1914?
6. How did British Crown forces seek to master the security situation in Ireland 1919 and 1921? Why did they fail? And was this failure inevitable?
7. To what extent was Éire's neutrality in the Second World War a fiction for domestic consumption in Éire?
8. Why was the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP) able to reign supreme in Northern Ireland from 1922 to 1969?
9. How did British security policy evolve in Northern Ireland during the first two Thatcher governments (1979-1987)?
10. Why, and how, did the leading paramilitary groups on both sides embrace ceasefires in Northern Ireland in the 1990s?