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DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

IP2-38820: BRITAIN AND IRELAND IN WAR AND PEACE SINCE 1800

Time allowed : **2 HOURS**

Answer 2 questions

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. How and why did William Pitt pass the Act of Union in 1800? What did he fail to achieve and with what consequences ?

2. Assess the importance of these events to the history of Ireland A) The American War of Independence; B) The 1848 Revolutions.

3. To what extant did the Famine (1845-1850) fatally undermine the Union?

4. How and why did Gladstone embrace Home Rule for Ireland? Why did he fail to achieve it?

5. To what degree did 'playing the Orange Card' benefit the Conservative and Unionist Party, 1885-1914?

6. 'Politically the Anglo-Irish War (i.e. the Irish War of Independence) was lost long before the British Crown forces got their act together between 1919 and 1921?' Assess and critically evaluate this statement.

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) unable to prevent the decline (and end) of Stormont, 1969-1973?

9. How did British security policy evolve in Northern Ireland between 1972 and 1983?

10. Why, and how, did the leading paramilitary groups on both sides embrace ceasefires in Northern Ireland in the 1990s?

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