

University College Cork

COLLEGE OF ARTS, CELTIC STUDIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES

MATURE STUDENT EVALUATION

SAMPLE PAPER

DAY, DATE, TIME START TO TIME END

This paper is divided into three sections, Section 1 **Personal Motivation**, Section 2 **Current Affairs**, Section 3 **Advance Seen Text**

All sections of this paper should be attempted.

Each section carries 100 marks.

Candidates will be given 5 minutes at the start of the MSE to read the paper, and 5 minutes at the end of the 2 hour MSE to review their answers.

This paper is in three sections, please read carefully before answering any questions.

Section 1 – One question to be answered.

Section 2 – Three questions, please answer two.

Section 3 – Three questions, please answer all three.

Section 1: Answer the question in this section.

Allow 30 minutes for this section.

Q1. What two subjects would you like to study at UCC and what attracted you to them?

Section 2 – Answer two questions from this section

Allow 50 minutes for this section.

Q1. You are given the power to change **one** thing about Irish society, what would you change? Outline the reasons for your decision.

Q2. If you were the Minister for Housing, how would you propose to tackle the housing crisis?

Q3. Explain how the image on the following page represents diverse experiences. Outline reasons for your answer.

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Section 3 – Advance Seen Text [Imelda May - YOU DON'T GET TO BE RACIST AND IRISH.](#)

Allow 30 minutes for this section. Please answer all questions.

You don't get to be racist and Irish (Imelda May).

You don't get to be racist and Irish
You don't get to be proud of your heritage,
plights and fights for freedom
while kneeling on the neck of another!
You're not entitled to sing songs
of heroes and martyrs
mothers and fathers who cried
as they starved in a famine
Or of brave hearted
soft spoken
poets and artists
lined up in a yard
blindfolded and bound
Waiting for Godot
and point blank to sound
We emigrated
We immigrated
We took refuge
So cannot refuse
When it's our time
To return the favour
Land stolen
Spirits broken
Bodies crushed and swollen
unholy tokens of Christ, Nailed to a tree
(That) You hang around your neck
Like a noose of the free
Our colour pasty
Our accents thick
Hands like shovels
from mortar and bricklaying
foundation of cities
you now stand upon
Our suffering seeps from every stone
your opportunities arise from
Outstanding on the shoulders
of our forefathers and foremother's
who bore your mother's mother
Our music is for the righteous
Our joys have been earned
Well deserved and serve
to remind us to remember
More Blacks
More Dogs
More Irish.
Still labelled leprechauns, Micks, Paddy's, louts
we're shouting to tell you

our land, our laws
are progressively out there
We're in a chrysalis
state of emerging into a new
and more beautiful Eire/era
40 Shades Better
Unanimous in our rainbow vote
we've found our stereotypical pot of gold
and my God it's good.
So join us.. 'cause
You Don't Get To Be Racist And Irish.

Q1. What do you believe is the central message of this poem? Support your answer with reference to the poem.

Q2. Briefly discuss one emotion expressed in the poem. Support your answer with reference to the poem.

Q3. Write a brief personal response to one line of the poem. Support your answer with reference to the poem.

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