Post 16 Curriculum Map – Britain & Ireland 1792 – 1921 – OCR Unit Y136

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| Big Questions | Small Questions | HW | TFP | Assessment |
| **Irish Rebellions & British response 1791-1893**  Why did the Irish rebel against Britain in the 1790s? | * How did events in the USA and France stimulate trouble in Ireland? * Why was French support for revolution in Ireland not more effective? * Why was the British response so violent? * Why was the uprising not as the Society of United Irishmen envisaged? | Introduction – how was Ireland different to Britain?  Impact of Napoleonic / Revolutionary wars on Ireland  Summary of events  Why was French intervention ineffective?  What went wrong for SofUI? | Sample Comparison question on 1790s | Wolfe Tone comparison question 2107 |
| How effective was the Act of Union? | * Why was the Act of Union passed? * Why was it significant that it was NOT accompanied by Emancipation? | Explain why Act of Union was passed  Explain significance of failure to deliver Emancipation |  | Act of Union comparison question 2018 |
| What was the significance of Emmet’s Rebellion? | * Why did Emmet’s Rebellion fail? * Why was it nevertheless significant? * Why was Emmet’s trial / execution important? | Summary of events / reasons for failure  Explain why trial / speech was significant  Source question form textbook |  |  |
| **O’Connell and British Governments 1823-1841**  Why was Catholic Emancipation a major issue? | * What was significant about Emancipation? * Why was O’Connell well equipped to lead the campaign? * Why was the repeal of the Test & Corporation Acts significant? | Biography of O’Connell  Questions on T&C Acts  Significance of Co Clare  Chart on Wellington’s options / actions  Tasks on impact / consequences of Emancipation | Sample comparison question on O’Connell |  |
| What was significant about O’Connell’s campaigns? | * How did O’Connell make CE a mass issue? * How was the County Clare by election significant? |  |  |  |
| Why did Wellington’s government pass Catholic Emancipation? | * Why did Wellington and Peel force Emancipation through parliament? * Why were their roles significant? * What impact did this have on the Tory party? * What were the sider impacts on both Britain and Ireland? | Chart on Wellington’s options / actions  Tasks on impact / consequences of Emancipation | Comparison question from textbook on O’Connell | O’Connell comparison question 2019 |
| What did O’Connell get out of the Lichfield House Compact? | * How did the Whigs govern Ireland 1830-34? * Why did Melbourne and O’Connell sign the LHC? * How effective were reforms passed by Melbourne’s government from 1835? * Who got most from the LHC – O’Connell or Melbourne and the Whigs? | Complete mind map on Whig reforms  Explain context of LHC  Summary of Reforms and Ireland 1835 onwards eg Irish Poor Law  Summary discussion questions from booklet |  |  |
| **Crisis over Home Rule 1908-1914**  Why was Ulster different? | * What made Ulster different to the rest of Ireland – militarily, politically and religiously? | Use article, summarise why Ulster was different  Notes from textbook on economic differences between Ulster and rest of Ireland |  |  |
| Why did Home Rule re-emerge as a major issue in 1910? | * What was the significance of the crisis over the Budget and the 1910 elections? * Why was the Parliament Act significant? | Summary of events 1909 onwards  Explain significance of Parliament Act | Comparison question from textbook |  |
| How close was Ireland to Civil War by 1914? | * Who were the UVF? * Who were the Irish Volunteers? * How effective was the response of the Asquith government? * Was Partition inevitable? * What was the significance of the Curragh Mutiny? * Was Ireland on the verge of civil war in July 1914? * How did both unionists and nationalists react to the outbreak of WW1? | Source based questions from booklet  Who was most to blame for Asquith, Tories or Redmond? |  | Comparison question sample paper |
| **Opposition to the Union**  Why did the Society of United Irishmen confront British rule in the 1790s? | * How far did the United Irishmen succeed in uniting all Irishmen? * How far were they influenced by French ideals and how did this explain their failure? * Was the breakdown of 1798 into sectarianism inevitable? | Questions form booklet on 1798 / UI Rising  Was the influence of the Enlightenment the reason for the failure of the UI?  Was sectarianism inevitable in 1798? | How far was “X” the most significant reason for Irish opposition to the Union from 1791 to 1921? |  |
| How significant was the tradition of Revolutionary Nationalism in Ireland? | * How did the United Irishmen / Emmet influence later movements? * Why was Young Ireland a failure? * How were the Fenians significant? * How were the Land League important? | Explain why Emmet’s Rebellion was significant even though it failed  Why did YI clash with O’Connell?  Why did YI fail?  How did the British respond to YI?  What was the significance of Fenian actions in Britain?  How far did all the above contribute to a revolutionary nationalist “canon”? | Were revolutionary nationalists or constitutional nationalists more successful in achieving their aims in Ireland 1791-1921/ | 2017 essay question success of revolutionary nationalism depended on leadership |
| Why was the Easter Rising successful? | * What happened at Easter 1916? * How significant was the British response? * Why did the Anglo-Irish war end in partition? | Summarise events of Easter Rising  Explain significance of British response  Explain why neither side could win the Anglo-Irish war? |  |  |
| How successful were constitutional nationalists in opposing the Union? | * Does O’Connell deserve to be called “The Liberator”? * What were the strengths and weaknesses of Reform & Repeal? * Why did O’Connell back down at Clontarf? * Why did O’Connell fall out with Young Ireland? * How was Parnell an effective Parliamentary leader? * How close was Ireland to achieving Home Rule? * Was Redmond a successful nationalist leader? | Was O’Connell a successful nationalist leader?  Why did his career ultimately end in failure?  Compare O’Connell, Parnell & Redmond as nationalist leaders  Why was Home Rule ultimately unsuccessful? |  | 2018 essay Parnell most successful constitutional nationalist leader  Sample paper – how far were constitutional nationalists successful? |
| How was cultural nationalism significant? | * How significant was the Gaelic Revival in cultural, literary and sporting terms? * How far was Sinn Fein part of the same movement? * How important was Catholicism in shaping Irish nationalist aims and ideals? | How was cultural nationalism significant?  Notes on various figures within cultural nationalism eg Yeats |  | 2019 essay question role of Church |
| **Support for the Union**  Why did the Protestant Ascendancy decline? | * How did Union affect the Ascendancy? * How did reform affect the role of the Ascendancy? | Summarise article on John Bull’s other Island to identify key differences from Britain | Were Whig / Liberal governments or Tory / Unionist governments more successful in achieving their aims in Ireland c 1791-1921? | Sample paper essay question land reform and decline of Prot Ascendancy |
| Why did Ulster Unionism become a major factor in Irish politics 1886-1921? | * Why would “Ulster fight”? * What was the role of Randolph Churchill? * Why was there intense opposition to HR in Ulster? * Why did this become more radical in 1908-14? * Did the Ulster Unionists achieve their aims? | Questions based on sources on 1886  Chart – arguments for and against HR  Explain opposition to HR in Ulster |  |  |
| How did the approaches of Whig / Liberal & Tory / Unionist parties differ? | * Who did most to pass reform in Ireland? * Who were the most successful British PMs? * Why did British political parties approach Irish issues in different ways? | Compare different ministries / PMs  Explain why British parties had different policies  Read Garrett History review article and summarise argument on why British policies towards Ireland were unsuccessful |  | 2019 question Whig & Liberal parties and stability of Union  Sample paper essay govs up to 1867 more successful than those after  2017 essay question Tory govs most successful |
| **The Union and Reform**  What was the significance of the Act of Union? | * How successful was Union for Ireland? * What were the long term implications for Ireland of Union? | Explain the consequences of the Act of Union | See above – which governments most successful in achieving reform / achieving their aims? |  |
| What was the significance of the 1830s? | * How significant were reforms of the 1830s? * Was the role of Drummond in Irish administration more important? | Mind map on reforms 1830-34  Chart on reforms 1835-40  How far was reform of Ireland successful in the 1830s?  Discussion questions from booklet |  |  |
| How successful was Peel as a reformer? | * How successful was the Devon Commission? * Why did Peel’s reforms arouse such opposition within his own party? * How successful was Peel’s response to the famine? | Peel – success or failure?  Was Peel an effective PM?  How successful was British response to Famine? |  |  |
| How did Gladstone pass reforms in areas like Church, land and education? | * Why did Gladstone wish to “pacify Ireland”? * How successful was the 1869 Church Act? * Why was the 1870 Land Act not successful? * How far was the 1881 Act more successful? * Why was reform of higher education not successful? | Summarise Gladstone’s reforms  Was Gladstone a success or failure?  Why was land a difficult issue?  Why was the 1881 Act more successful than that of 1870? |  |  |
| Why did Home Rule not pass Parliament in 1886 and 1893? | * What were the arguments for and against HR? * Why did HR arouse such opposition? * Why did HR divide the Liberal Party? | Summarise arguments for and against HR  Source based questions on debate in 1886  What are the historiographical arguments about Gladstone’s motivation? |  |  |
| How significant was Constructive Unionism? | * How effectively did Constructive Unionism pass reform especially in land? * Did CR achieve its political aims? | How successful were land reforms?  Was Constructive Unionism a success? |  |  |
| Why was Partition introduced? | * How far was partition inevitable? * Was HR a viable solution? | Analyse significance of events 1912-14  How successful was Asquith in seeking compromise? |  |  |
| **Irish economy and the link to Irish Nationalism**  Why was land a significant issue? | * What were the 3Fs? * Why was farming backward in Ireland compared to the rest of Britain? * What was the role of the landlords? | Explain the problems concerning land  Timeline of events in Ireland concerning land |  | 2019 essay question – agrarian under development as root cause of opp to union  2017 essay question land reforms most important reason for opp to Union |
| What was the impact of the famine? | * What caused the Famine? * How effective was the British government response? * What were the consequences of the Famine? | Summarise causes of the Famine  Was Famine genocide?  What were the long term consequences of Famine? |  |  |
| How was the industrialisation of Ulster significant? | * How far did this explain hostility to HR? * Why did the industrialisation of Ulster exacerbate sectarian divisions? | How far does this explain the resistance to HR in Ulster? |  |  |