

# Parnell silver casket, 1884

## LEAVING CERTIFICATE HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION QUESTIONS 2009–2014

### SECTION 2: IRELAND Ireland: Topic 2

#### Movements for political and social reform, 1870–1914

Year	Question
2014	What did Parnell contribute to the movements for Home Rule and land reform? (100)
2013	How did the Home Rule movement develop during the period 1870–1886? (100)
2013	During the period 1870–1914, which was more successful, land agitation or the 1913 strike and lockout? Argue your case, referring to both. (100)
2012	What were Parnell's strengths and weaknesses as a political leader? (100)
2011	What attempts were made to gain Home Rule, 1870–1886, and why were those attempts unsuccessful? (100)
2010	What did Charles Stewart Parnell contribute to land reform and to the development of the Home Rule movement? (100)
2009	Who was the more effective leader of the Home Rule movement, Butt or Parnell? Argue your case, referring to both. (100)
2009	What was the contribution of Michael Davitt to social and political reform? (100)

# 2016

## SECTION 2: IRELAND

### Ireland: Topic 2

#### Movements for political and social reform, 1870–1914

#### Case study to which documents relate:

The elections of 1885 and 1886: issues and outcomes

Study the documents on the next page and answer the questions below.

1. (a) According to document A, why does the case of Ireland differ from that of England and Scotland?  
(b) As shown in document B, what is Gladstone (in tartan trousers) attempting to do and what is the result?  
(c) The bearded man shown in document B is Parnell.  
What message does the document convey about his role in events at the time of the 1886 Home Rule Bill? (20)
2. (a) How does document A differ from document B in its depiction of the likely outcome of Home Rule and land reform for Ireland?  
(b) Which document, A or B, do you consider more effective in making its point?  
Explain your answer, referring to both documents. (20)
3. (a) What are the strengths and weaknesses of document A as a historical source?  
(b) Would you agree that document B is not only anti-Home Rule but anti-Irish?  
Give two reasons for your answer. (20)
4. What were Parnell's strengths and weaknesses as leader of the Home Rule movement? (40)

## DOCUMENT A

An edited transcript of part of W.E. Gladstone's speech introducing the first Home Rule Bill to the House of Commons, 8 April 1886.

The two questions of land and the Irish government are closely connected [because] they are the two channels through which we hope to [get] social order in Ireland.

I come to the basis of the whole [problem]: law is discredited in Ireland [because] it comes to the people in a foreign garb. The case of Ireland is not the same as that of England and Scotland. England, by her own strength, makes her own laws just as independently as if she were not combined with two other countries. Scotland has been allowed [by] this house to make her own laws.

The consequence is that the law in England is felt by the people to be English; the law in Scotland is felt by the people to be Scotch; but the law in Ireland is not felt by the people to be Irish.

[It is] little less than a mockery to be told that [this situation contributes] to the unity of this great, noble, and world-wide empire. Something must be done to restore to Ireland the confidence of the people in the law.

## DOCUMENT B

Cartoon (9 June, 1886) from *Judy*, an anti-Home Rule magazine, on the defeat of Gladstone's Bill the previous day



# LEAVING CERTIFICATE ORDINARY LEVEL EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

## SECTION 2: IRELAND Ireland: Topic 2

### Movements for political and social reform, 1870–1914

**2014**

**B (30 marks)**

*Recommended maximum time: 10 minutes*

Write a short paragraph on the elections of 1885 and 1886.

**2013**

**C (40 marks)**

*Recommended maximum time: 15 minutes*

What part did Charles Stewart Parnell play in both the land and Home Rule movements? (40 marks)

**2012**

**A (30 marks)**

*Recommended maximum time: 10 minutes*

In this edited extract the journalist Frank Harris sketches the scene in the House of Commons, London, 8 April, 1886, when the First Home Rule Bill was introduced. Read it and answer the questions that follow.

The House was so crowded that members sat about on the steps and even on the arms of benches and on each other's knees. Every diplomat in London seemed to be present.

Bishops, in their black, sat next to Indian princes by the dozen who, blazing with diamonds, lent a rich Oriental flavour to the scene.

1. What Bill was introduced in the House of Commons on 8 April, 1886?
2. How does the writer show that the House was crowded?
3. What colour did the bishops wear?
4. Were there many Indian princes present? Give a reason for your answer.
5. What evidence does the extract offer that other countries might have been interested in the proceedings?

**C (40 marks)**

*Recommended maximum time: 15 minutes*

What did Michael Davitt contribute to land agitation and land reform?

**2011**

**C (40 marks)**

*Recommended maximum time: 15 minutes*

What was the importance of the 1885 and the 1886 elections?

## 2010

## A (30 marks)

*Recommended maximum time: 10 minutes*

In this edited extract, Parnell announces Gladstone's acceptance of Home Rule for Ireland. Read it and answer the questions which follow.

It was on a wet February night in 1886 that Parnell made the announcement of Gladstone's conversion to Home Rule for Ireland. He made it in his sitting-room in Morrison's Hotel, Dublin. With his usual lack of concern for personal comfort, he had neglected to order a fire. His mutton chop was growing cold, and his pint of Rhine wine was unopened.

All of a sudden, he remarked, casually and without emphasis: "We are going to have a Home Rule Bill."

*Source: William O'Brien, The Parnell of Real Life (Fisher Unwin, 1926).*

1. Where was Parnell staying?
2. What had been provided for Parnell's evening meal?
3. What evidence is offered for Parnell's lack of concern for personal comforts?
4. What announcement did Parnell make?
5. What was the fate of the Home Rule Bill, 1886?

## C (40 marks)

*Recommended maximum time: 15 minutes*

Answer one of the following:

1. Why were the elections of 1885 and 1886 important for the Home Rule Party?
2. What did Michael Davitt and/or Charles Stewart Parnell contribute to the movement for land reform?

## 2009

## C (40 marks)

*Recommended maximum time: 15 minutes*

What part did Charles Stewart Parnell play in the Home Rule movement?