

# James Connolly's shirt, 1916

## LEAVING CERTIFICATE HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION QUESTIONS 2009–2014

### SECTION 2: IRELAND

#### Ireland: Topic 2

Movements for political and social reform, 1870–1914

Year	Topic Number	Question
2014	2	Was the Dublin strike and lockout (1913) a total failure? Argue your case. (100)
2013	2	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	3	How did the threat and use of physical force affect Ireland during the period 1912–1923? (100)
2011	2	How effectively did James Larkin seek improvements for workers? (100)
2011	3	What did one or more of the following contribute to Irish affairs: Patrick Pearse; Arthur Griffith; Countess Markievicz? (100)
2010	3	During the period 1912–1920, what factors contributed to the partition of Ireland? (100)
2009	2	To what extent was the Dublin strike and lockout, 1913, a success or a failure? (100)

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**2014**

**C (40 marks)**

*Recommended maximum time: 15 minutes*

How did James Larkin influence events in Dublin during 1913?

**2013**

**A (30 marks)**

*Recommended maximum time: 10 minutes*

This is an edited extract from a letter (dated 13/9/1913) in which Capt. V.M. Vallance, a cavalry officer, comments on the situation in Dublin during the strike and lockout. Study it and answer the questions that follow.

The strikes here do not seem to be coming to a head, though the magistrates say that the trouble will not begin until next week, when the strike pay runs out and they begin to feel the pinch, and loot shops.

The methods of the DMP (Dublin Metropolitan Police) have been criticised as overly severe, but, on the other hand, they prevented looting and the military being called out.

In this place the danger is not from the strikers but from the thousands of looting roughs. There is no other city on earth, I believe, where there is less industry. Guinness's brewery and the Tramway Company are the only employment in the town.

1. According to the magistrates, when would trouble begin?
2. What trouble was expected?
3. What defence of the DMP is offered?
4. How does the writer account for Dublin's high rate of unemployment?
5. What part did William Martin Murphy play in the 1913 strike and lockout?

**2012**

**C (40 marks)**

*Recommended maximum time: 15 minutes*

How did James Connolly and/or James Larkin seek improvements for workers?

**2011**

**C (40 marks)**

*Recommended maximum time: 15 minutes*

What were the causes of the Dublin 1913 strike and lockout and how did it come to an end?

2010

C (40 marks)

*Recommended maximum time: 15 minutes*

How important was James Larkin in the strike and lockout in Dublin in 1913?

2009

B (40 marks)

*Recommended maximum time: 10 minutes*

Write a short paragraph on James Connolly.

2009

C (40 marks)

*Recommended maximum time: 15 minutes*

Was the Dublin strike and lockout of 1913 a success or a failure? Argue your case.