

#### Question 4

Read this account of the plantation of Co. Leitrim and answer the questions which follow. The account was written in 1683, sixty years after the plantation began.

The chief town is Jamestown, a well-walled town standing on the river Shannon. The town consists of about 60 families but most of them live outside the walls. There is a good weekly market, four fairs every year and a company of foot soldiers as garrison.

It is very well planted with Protestant inhabitants. The natives or Irish inhabitants are civil, hospitable and intelligent. The Irish women are handsome, and both sexes speak reasonably proper English.

This county has very good pasture, and is far more proper for feeding and rearing cattle than for grain. In it are vast woods, full of large and excellent timber. There are many herds of red deer. The wolves, which were very numerous are now very few. There are several eyries of eagles. Lough Melvin is well stored with salmon.

(a) In what decade did the plantation of Leitrim begin? Tick (✓) one of the following:

- 1600s
- 1620s
- 1640s

(b) Name three features of a plantation town that were evident in Jamestown.

1.
2.
3.

(c) Do you think the person who wrote this account was from an Irish background or an English background? Give reasons for your answer based on the document.


**(d)** Did the writer believe that the plantation of Leitrim was successful or unsuccessful? Give reasons for your answer based on the document.


**(e)** Name a plantation you studied as part of your Junior Cycle history course.

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**(f)** Who ordered this plantation to take place?

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**(g)** What changes occurred in Ireland as a result of the plantation which you studied?
