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TI104 - Elements of the Geography of Ireland

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Time allowed: 3 hours

Answer four questions, two from each section.

Use a separate answer-book for each question.

Section A

1. Discuss the origin and evolution of the soils of Ireland.
2. Outline the evolution of the rivers of Ireland.
3. Discuss the variety, origin, distribution and current status of Ireland's post-glacial mammal fauna.
4. "Ireland's climate is shaped by the westerly atmospheric circulation, its position in the Atlantic and the North Atlantic Drift". Assess this statement with reference to temperature and precipitation.
5. Describe four major features of Ireland's coastline in terms of their geomorphology and distribution.

Section B

6. What sort of sources materials and techniques can be used to study the historical geography of Ireland?
7. "In some ways economic history is historical geography with more equations if fewer maps. The two subjects do not so much have links but overlaps" (Royle, 1991). Discuss this statement with reference to developments and trends within the disciplines of geography and history in Ireland during the twentieth century.
8. "Irish population change is a product of both national and regional factors". Discuss.
9. Write an essay on: "The geography of Irish agriculture in the 1990s".
10. "Sustainability is a guiding principle in Irish tourism policy". Discuss.