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THE SECOND UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION IN ARTS

GEOGRAPHY B

TB256 Staidéar Speisialta III (Rural Geography)

Unit Value: 1

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Time allowed: 1.5 hours

Use a separate answer book for this Section

Two questions to be answered

1. "There are many definitions of the 'rural'". Discuss.
2. In recent decades, agriculture has been characterised by a move from productivism to post-productivism. Illustrate what is meant by this statement with reference to Ireland.
- 3a. North (1998) identifies a number of factors as contributing to recent rural industrialisation in Britain. What are the most important of these and what have been their effects?

or

- 3b. Assess the validity of the following statement: "Government policy has played a major role in rural industrialisation in Ireland".
4. Discuss the concepts of 'continuity of past trends' and 'clean break' in the context of counterurbanisation.
5. With reference to recent studies relating to service provision in rural Ireland, what appear to be the most pressing problems?
6. "The management of rural development has geographical dimensions". Discuss.