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SEMESTER 2 EXAMINATIONS 2000

ARCHAEOLOGY

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION

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FROM CELTS TO CHRISTIANS IN EARLY IRELAND

EXAMINERS: Professor T.C. Champion
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Time allowed: **three** hours

ANSWER **THREE** QUESTIONS

1A. Outline the problems associated with the Bronze Age - Iron Age transition in Ireland and some of the solutions that have been proposed.

OR

1B. 'The Iron Age represents a complete departure from the society and institutions of Later Bronze Age Ireland'. Discuss.

2. Summarise and critically assess Stout's recent analysis of the ringfort.

3A. Discuss generally Romano-British material in Ireland and comment on what type of contact existed between Ireland and the Roman World.

OR

3B. Write a critical assessment of our knowledge of the burials of the Irish Iron Age.

4. 'Irish decorative metalwork of the 5th and 6th centuries is the result of a balanced combination of indigenous Iron Age and Romano-British styles'. Discuss.

5. Write a concise account of the Sutton Hoo ship-burial. Comment on its implications for Irish archaeology.

6. 'Irish monasticism was more European than Insular'. Discuss.