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SUMMER EXAMINATIONS 2000
ARCHAEOLOGY
FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION

FIRST PAPER

AR 109
FIRST SETTLERS TO THE AGE OF METAL

AR 110
WORLD ARCHAEOLOGY: LANDMARKS IN THE HUMAN STORY

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Time allowed: three hours

Answer **four** questions altogether: **two** questions from **each** section

Section 1: AR 109

1. Describe some of the more important settlements of the Irish Neolithic.
2. Give an account of the passage tombs of Ireland. Comment briefly on the validity of such classification into distinct 'types' of monument.
3. Outline the diversity of burial practice in the earlier Bronze Age in Ireland.
4. Treat of **either** the gold lunulae or the trumpets of the Irish Bronze Age.
5. What artefacts of gold and bronze might indicate the presence of a warrior aristocracy in Ireland in the later Bronze Age? Briefly note any other evidence which suggests the existence of a social hierarchy at this time.

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Section 2: AR 110

1. Write a succinct account of the evidence (direct and indirect) for bipedalism among early hominids, commenting also on the contribution that bipedalism may have made to human evolution.

2A. Treat generally of the Australopithecines

OR

2B. Describe the dispersal of hominids out of Africa

3. Give a brief account of the cave art of Palaeolithic Europe.

4. Briefly describe Stonehenge.

5A. What do the discoveries in the Shaft Graves at Mycenae tell us about a warrior aristocracy?

OR

5B. Treat of the burial of the Princess of Vix.