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B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION

GEOGRAPHY

TB 369 Agricultural Geography

Weight: 2.5 ECTS

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Time allowed: 1.5 hours

Use a separate answer book for this examination.

Answer two questions

1. Examine some of the methodological issues involved in determining the relationship between population growth and food production.
2. **Either**
 - (a) Explain how recent developments in agricultural geography reflect a greater focus on activities beyond the farm gate.

or

 - (b) How have major innovations in production, processing and retailing changed the food sector in the post war period?
3. Examine critically the neo-Malthusian arguments regarding the relationship between population and food.
4. Examine some of the reasons for the decline in per capita cereal production in recent years.
5. Explain the background to the modern agricultural revolution being driven by economic and technological forces and shaped by public policies.
6. Explain how the process of transformation is producing a variegated geographical pattern in Ireland's agriculture.