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B.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION

GEOGRAPHY

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Quaternary Era

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Time allowed: 1.5 hours

Answer two questions

1. Cold non-glacial conditions, and areas peripheral to Pleistocene ice sheets and glaciers, produce a particularly unique environment. Discuss.
2. The development of Quaternary studies in Ireland had to overcome a largely sceptical audience. Discuss.
3. Critically assess the different philosophies and theories that have evolved in advancing our knowledge of the Quaternary.
4. Dating techniques in Quaternary research have problems and uncertainties in interpretation. Outline briefly what you understand by this statement.