

OLLSCOIL NA HÉIREANN, GAILLIMH
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

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SEMESTER 1

HI 327 EARLY IRISH LAW

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Time allowed: **Two** hours
Answer **Three** questions

1. Discuss the Early Irish laws relating to kinship and property (*Bretha Comathchesa*, *Coibnius Uisci Thairidni*, Kinship Poem, etc.).
2. Discuss the law of distraint (*Athgabál*) and legal-entry (*Tellach*) in Early Ireland.
3. Discuss the material relating to sick-maintenance in Early Irish law.
4. What does the legal material tell us about the status of women in Early Irish society?
5. State the case *for* and *against* clerical influence on Early Irish law.
6. Compare Early Irish law *and* Anglo-Saxon *or* Germanic law.
7. Write brief notes on **five** of the following legal terms: *aire échta*, *altram*, *cáin*, *enechlann*, *fénechas*, *mac gor*, *othrus*, *recht*, *tinchor*.