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**Master's Degree in Rural Development  
Second Year Examination**

**THIRD PAPER (EC543 & EC541)  
PLANNING ISSUES & RURAL RESOURCES AND THE  
ENVIRONMENT**

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**Time allowed: THREE hours.**

**FOUR questions to be answered. ONE from Section A and THREE from Section B ( Taking one question from each sub-section). Use separate answer books for each question.**

**SECTION A: PLANNING ISSUES**

1. Outline the main stages in the evolution of planning theory over the past fifty years, with particular reference to the "rise and fall" of procedural planning theory.
2. Comment on the opportunities for and limitations upon participatory planning at the regional/ sub- regional scale.
3. You have been appointed senior Project manager with Glenroe Development Association. Glenroe is a rural area of some 100 square kilometres, with a variety of landscapes, some of them highly scenic uplands cut through with narrow valleys. The population of the area is some 8,000 persons, the majority of whom live in single dwellings in the open countryside or small 'cross-roads' type clusters. The exceptions are the picturesque small town of Kilcoole (population 2,000), situated on the edges of Lough Navar, famed for its beauty and high water quality, and the village of Rossary ( population 500) which shows signs of decay since the closure of its woollen mills, once one of the largest employers in Glenroe as a whole. The agricultural industry (mainly sheep farming) is in decline, but this is countered to a degree by the rise of rural tourism in which there is a significant community input. There is a strong community spirit in the area, the main issue at present being concern about the volume of planning applications, both for bungalows in the countryside and large schemes for up to 500 houses and apartments in Kilcoole, which if realised would result in a doubling of the population of the town.

Your first task is to prepare a community led development strategy for Glenroe up to 2010 A.D. Indicate how you will set about this task.

## SECTION B: RURAL RESOURCES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

### Sub-Section I

1. Describe the challenges and opportunities in developing an environmentally sustainable aquaculture industry in Ireland.
2. 'The review of the Common Fisheries (CFP) in 2002 is fundamental to the development of Ireland's Inshore Fisheries Sector'. Discuss in detail.

### Sub-Section II

3. Choose one of the following and describe its role in the protection and management of archaeology in Ireland:  
a) Dúchas: the Heritage Service;  
b) The Heritage Council.
4. From the following list, choose one archaeological monument with which you are familiar. Analyse it under the following headings:  

a) monument classification;	e) strengths of visitor presentation;
b) date of construction;	f) weaknesses of visitor presentation;
c) purpose for which built;	g) management;
d) visitor facilities;	h) interaction with local community.

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| - Céide Fields, Co. Mayo            | - Clonmacnoise, Co. Offaly          |
| - Lough Gur, Co. Limerick           | - The Rock of Cashel, Co. Tipperary |
| - Newgrange Passage Tomb, Co. Meath | - Ballintubber Abbey, Co. Mayo      |
| - Poulnabrone Dolmen, Co. Clare     | - Jerpoint Abbey, Co. Kilkenny      |
| - Emain Macha, Co. Armagh           | - King John's Castle, Limerick      |
| - Tara, Co. Meath                   | - Trim Castle, Co. Meath            |

### Sub-Section III

1. Give a brief outline of some of the ways in which heritage has been defined. Provide an appropriate definition of heritage for the Ireland of the twenty-first century.
2. The museum plays a fundamental role in our understanding of heritage. Discuss critically.

OR

Write a critical essay on the development and functions of the County Museum in Ireland.