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**SUMMER EXAMINATIONS 2002
ARCHAEOLOGY
FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION**

FIRST PAPER

**AR 109
FIRST SETTLERS TO THE AGE OF METAL**

**AR 110
WORLD ARCHAEOLOGY A: LANDMARKS IN THE HUMAN STORY**

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Time allowed: **three** hours

Answer **three** questions altogether: **two** questions from Section 1 and **one** question from Section 2. Separate answer books not required.

**Section 1: AR 109
(Answer two questions)**

1. Using evidence from two sites, discuss the way of life of the people who first populated the island of Ireland from approximately 7500 –6000BC (Early Mesolithic).
2. Discuss the way of life of hunter-fisher-gatherers in the Later Mesolithic (6000-4000BC approximately) on the island of Ireland. Cite evidence from at least two sites
3. Describe and discuss some of the evidence from excavated sites for everyday life during the Neolithic (e.g. wooden buildings, enclosures, fields, pollen evidence). Comment briefly on whether these places were completely separate from the more sacred aspects of life.

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4. Outline the 'characteristic' traits of court tombs and passage tombs (distribution, architecture, finds, treatment of human remains, location, dating etc), giving examples from excavated sites. What does this information tell us about how and why people used these monuments?
5. What do cemeteries such as Edmondstown, Keenoge and Poulawack tell us about Bronze Age burial practices?
6. Compare and contrast Early Bronze Age gold lunulae and Late Bronze Age gold gorgets. What do you think was their social significance?

Section 2: AR 110 (A)
(Answer **one** question)

1. Give a brief account of the cave art of Palaeolithic Europe.
2. Briefly describe Stonehenge and the rituals that may have taken place there.
3. What do the Shaft Graves of Mycenae tell us about Bronze Age society?
4. Treat of the burial of the Princess of Vix. What do burials like this tell us about late prehistoric society?