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SUMMER EXAMINATIONS 2002
ARCHAEOLOGY
FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION

SECOND PAPER

AR 111
CELTS TO GAELIC LORDSHIPS

AR 110
WORLD ARCHAEOLOGY B: ARCHAEOLOGY IN ACTION

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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 111
(Answer **two** questions)

1. Give a concise account of the Navan complex, Co. Armagh, briefly describing the major archaeological monuments there.

2. Treat of the Turoe stone and its significance.

Or

Discuss the evidence for Roman material in Ireland.

3. Write a general account of ringforts and crannógs in Ireland.

4. Describe and discuss high status metalwork from 8th century Ireland.

5. Write a general account of Viking Dublin.

6. Briefly discuss the phenomenon of moated sites in 13th and 14th century Ireland in terms of their morphology, function, numbers, distribution and dating evidence.

Section 2: AR 110 (B)

(Answer one question)

1. Discuss the use of the past to justify colonialism from the 17th to the 19th centuries. Give two examples to support your answer and comment on the role antiquarians played in this.
2. Discuss an example of your choice to illustrate how archaeology has today, or has in the past, been used to promote national pride. What role have archaeologists themselves played in this promotion?
3. Outline the way in which theories about chronology underwent dramatic changes in the course of the 19th century (evolution, stratigraphy, three age system). Comment on the development of ideas about 'primitive' and 'advanced' 'races' in this context.
4. Give an account of the site detection methods of aerial photography and geophysics (resistivity and magnetometry) and illustrate your answer with appropriate examples.
5. Ideas about chronology underwent major changes in the twentieth century (absolute dating methods). To illustrate this, give an account of the main principles of radiocarbon dating and dendrochronology and examples of their use.