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SEMESTER 2 EXAMINATIONS 2002
ARCHAEOLOGY
SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION

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FROM CELTS TO CHRISTIANS IN EARLY IRELAND

EXAMINERS: Professor J.P. Mallory
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Time allowed: **three** hours
ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS

1. Treat critically of the Bronze Age/ Iron Age transition with specific reference to transitional metalwork and monuments.

Or

Critically assess the evolution of thought on the transition from the Bronze Age to the Iron Age, illustrating your answer with appropriate archaeological evidence.

2. Discuss the settlement evidence of the Irish Iron Age.

Or

Write a detailed account of La Tène horsebits, paying particular attention to aspects of typology and chronology.

3. Roman material in Ireland reflects a broad range of socio-historical circumstances. Its analysis, however, has been impeded by traditional scholastic distinctions between 'celtic' and 'classical' archaeologies. Discuss.

Or

Discuss the social and material legacy of the Roman West as manifest in Ireland.

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4. Write a critical assessment of Stout's theory on ringforts.
5. Write a critical history of crannóg studies in Ireland.
6. Discuss the origins and early development of monasticism in Ireland, illustrating your answer with appropriate excavated examples