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Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh
&
St Angela's College, Sligo

SUMMER EXAMINATIONS 2002
DIPLOMA IN ARCHAEOLOGY
FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION

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

ANSWER **THREE** QUESTIONS

1. Describe the evidence for the Irish Mesolithic, with reference to settlements and stone tool production.
2. Give an account of the settlement evidence in the Neolithic, with reference to house constructions and finds.
3. Compare the passage tomb complex in Cúil Irra in Sligo (particularly Carrowmore and Knocknarea) with Brú na Bóinne, Co. Meath. How do they differ, what do they have in common?
4. Give a general account of the megalithic tombs of Ireland, with reference to distribution, construction and finds.
5. Describe the funerary tradition of the Bronze Age and discuss how it differs from the funerary traditions in the Neolithic period.
6. Outline 'the problem of the Celts' as described in Waddell's *Prehistoric Archaeology of Ireland*.
7. Describe **either** the weapons **or** the personal ornaments of the Irish Iron Age.
8. Ritual played an important role in the life and death of the pagan Celts in Ireland. Discuss with brief reference to votive offerings, stone carvings, burial monuments and 'royal' sites.
9. Outline the role of the early church in Ireland as a patron of the arts, and treat in detail of any **one** of the following: architecture; stone-carving; metalworking; manuscript illumination.

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10. Give a general account of a typical monastic site in Early Historic Ireland.
11. Compare and contrast the form, function and dating of the ringfort and the crannóg.
12. Give a general account of any **two** of the following: Viking burials, Viking weaponry, the longphort, hoards of the Viking period.
13. Treat generally of the Viking town in Ireland, describing their location, defences, layout, buildings and economy.
14. Discuss the archaeology of Anglo-Norman towns in Ireland.
15. What types of castle existed in later medieval Ireland from the 12th century to about 1600?