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**ARCHAEOLOGY**

**AR323: Patterns in Irish Prehistory**

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Time allowed: **three** hours

ANSWER **THREE** QUESTIONS

1. Treat of the economy and subsistence of the Irish Mesolithic with particular reference to Mount Sandel and Ferriter's Cove.

2. Discuss the introduction and development of a Neolithic lifestyle in Ireland.

3. What do passage tombs tell us about social relations and authority in Neolithic Ireland?

**OR**

Describe the landscape setting of passage tombs in a location of your choice.

4. Discuss the social and economic implications of the appearance of henge monuments in the third millennium BC.

5. Consider the various social and ethnic interpretations which have been placed on the appearance of Beaker material culture in final Neolithic Ireland.

6. Outline the evidence for contacts across the Irish Sea in the Neolithic and early Bronze Age.

7. 'The cemeteries of the Irish earlier Bronze Age provide significant information on social and funerary practice'. Discuss.

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8. Do hilltop enclosures such as Haughey's Fort, Rathgall and Mooghaun denote a social elite with far-flung contacts in later Bronze Age Ireland?
9. What contribution did wetland environments make to the settlement economy of Late Bronze Age Ireland? How did people adapt to living in such habitats?
10. Outline the evidence for contact between Ireland and Continental Europe in the last millennium BC.
11. Consider changing opinion on the introduction of iron working to Ireland. What was the significance of this technological development?
12. Examine the significance of the La Tène phenomenon and the role it has played in interpretations of the Irish Iron Age.