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AUTUMN EXAMINATIONS 2002  
ARCHAEOLOGY  
FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION

FIRST PAPER

AR 109  
FIRST SETTLERS TO THE AGE OF METAL

AR 110  
WORLD ARCHAEOLOGY: 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. Describe one major settlement of the Irish Mesolithic.
2. Treat of the passage tomb of Newgrange. Using the evidence from this monument and from other passage tombs of the Boyne valley outline the ways in which it may have been used by people in the Neolithic.
3. Briefly describe and discuss two important Neolithic settlements in Ireland.

**Or**

Describe some of the excavated evidence for everyday life during the Neolithic (e.g. wooden buildings, enclosures, fields, pollen evidence).

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4. Outline the diversity of burial practice in the earlier Bronze Age in Ireland.
5. Treat of the gold work of the later Irish Bronze Age. What does this material tell us about the societies of the time?

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

1. Write a brief account of the evidence for bipedalism among early hominids, commenting on the contribution that bipedalism may have made to human evolution.
2. Give a concise account of the cave art of Palaeolithic Europe.
3. Briefly describe Stonehenge and the rituals that may have taken place there.
4. Treat of the burial of the Princess of Vix. What do burials like this tell us about late prehistoric society?