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ARCHAEOLOGY

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL METHODOLOGY 2

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Time allowed: *three* hours
ANSWER *THREE* QUESTIONS

1 Trace the development of archaeological excavation strategies and techniques in Britain **and** Ireland over the past two centuries, with reference to site examples.

2. What excavation strategies could be used today in the total **and** sample excavation of a ringfort? Discuss with reference to specific examples of ringfort excavations in Ireland.

Or

How has our approach to the excavation of urban sites developed over the past century? Discuss with reference to examples of urban digs carried out in Britain or Ireland.

3. Outline the fundamental principles of archaeological stratigraphy, and the methods used to record and interpret stratigraphic sequences on excavations.

4. Examine the merits of single context versus feature-based recording on archaeological excavations, and how this can influence final site interpretations.

5. Discuss the research design and management structure of an archaeological excavation from planning to post-excavation stages.

6. How is the recovery and analysis of environmental remains organised within the design of an archaeological excavation? Discuss with reference to the various specialists required to support this work.

7. Using examples from Ireland, discuss different ways that excavators can disseminate the results of archaeological excavation to a popular and academic audience, both during a dig and subsequently.