

**National University of Ireland, Galway
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**AUTUMN EXAMINATIONS 2002
ARCHAEOLOGY
SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION**

**AR224
RITUAL AND ROYALTY**

**EXAMINERS: Professor J. P. Mallory
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Answer *three* questions

Time allowed: *three* hours

1. Outline the themes and patterns apparent in Irish prehistoric 'royal' complexes.

Or

Discuss the ritual use and re-use of sites such as Tara, Navan and Carnfree.

2. Consider recent archaeological analyses of Tara as an example of a modern approach to the 'royal' sites of ancient Ireland.
3. Discuss the nature of the Dál Cais assembly site at Magh Adhair. How does it compare with other early medieval assembly sites?
4. Treat of mounds and open-air assemblies in Medieval Europe.
5. Discuss the use of the stone throne in the Medieval Gaelic world.