

**Semester II Examinations, 2002/2003**

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<b><u>Instructions:</u></b>	Answer <b><u>Four</u></b> questions in total Answer <b><u>2</u></b> questions from <b><u>Section A</u></b> , <b><u>1</u></b> question from <b><u>Section B</u></b> and <b><u>1</u></b> question from <b><u>Section C</u></b> . Use a separate answer book for each <b>section</b> All questions carry equal marks
Duration	3 hrs
No. of Answer books	3
No. of Pages	2
Department(s)	Geography

**Section A**

1. Identify and describe the five main rock types found in Ireland and their age.
2. Identify the key features of the hydrology of the River Shannon.
3. Briefly examine the principal soil forming processes and their importance.
4. Discuss the changes in the postglacial fauna of Ireland with reference to at least five mammal species.
5. Describe and briefly explain the significance of *two* of the following: the Burren, the Killarney Oakwoods, the Lusitanian flora, the impact of humans on the postglacial bird fauna.

6. Analyse the spatial variability of the climate of Ireland with reference to temperature and precipitation.

### **Section B**

7. Discuss the main factors in the evolution of Ireland's cultural geographies.
8. Outline the underlying issues concerning the competing identities of Northern Ireland.
9. Critically assess the key challenges facing Irish identity in a modern multi-cultural society.

### **Section C**

10. The preliminary Census results for 2002 provide evidence of recent changes in Irish society and economy. Discuss, with reference to the county level.
11. Why is organic farming described as a lifestyle as much as an economic choice?
12. 'The countryside is central to Ireland's attraction as a tourism destination'. Discuss critically.