

Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh  
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

2nd Arts Examinations 2002-3

SEMESTER 1

HISTORY

Course HI 211 — **MEDIEVAL IRELAND, 5th to 9th c.**

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Time allowed: **TWO** hours

Answer **THREE** questions.

1. What are the problems in using *either* the Early Irish annals *or* the Early Irish laws?
2. What are the principal sources relating to the first century of Christianity in Ireland, and how would you evaluate them?
3. What are the 'problems concerning the organisation of the Church in Early Ireland', and how would you explain them?
4. Assess the impact of Irish missionaries in *either* Scotland and Northumbria *or* on the Continent in the 7th century.
5. What economic and social changes came about in Ireland in the period between c. 500 and c. 700, and what were their consequences?
6. 'Irish culture in the Early Middle Ages — a myth, not a miracle'. Discuss.
7. Discuss the rôle of the Uí Néill in the evolution of the theory of Irish high-kingship.
8. What is the evidence for the Viking impact in Ireland?