

Ollscoil na hÉireann, Gaillimh
NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND, GALWAY

B.A. EXAMINATIONS, 2002-3

SEMESTER 1

HI 315 IONA, COLUMBA, AND KELLS

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Time allowed: **Two** hours

Answer **Three** questions

1. Describe the sources for the early history of Iona, and assess their relative value.
2. Give a detailed assessment of either Adomnán's *Vita Columbae*, or Bede's *Historia Ecclesiastica* as a source for Iona history.
3. What is the evidence for Iona's role in the conversion of the Picts?
4. 'Down to the year AD 669, Northumbria was just another province of the Irish Church' (T.J. Brown). What does this statement mean?
5. What is the significance of Iona as a centre of literary activity c. AD 565 — c. AD 747?
6. Discuss the Easter controversy and Iona's role in it.
7. What was the Synod of Whitby (AD 664) really about?
8. What is the significance of Egbert of Rath Melsigi in Bede's account of the relationship between Ireland and England in the 7th century?
9. Give an assessment of Adomnán's life and career, and his significance.