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AUTUMN EXAMINATIONS 1999  
ARCHAEOLOGY

AR329  
THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE MEDIEVAL IRISH CHURCH

EXAMINERS: Professor T. C. Champion  
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Time allowed: *three* hours

Answer *three* questions

1. 'I will not be in a desert place where guests and poor people cannot easily find me' (Life of St Cronan of Roscrea). Discuss the importance of routeways and boundaries to the foundation and development of early medieval, society-based monasteries.
2. Write an account of the architecture of the early Irish *dairthech* with reference to the archaeological, representational and historical evidence.
3. Give a concise account of the date and function of Irish round towers in the light of recent scholarship.
4. Identify and discuss some of the 'royal' imagery in the iconography of Irish scripture crosses.
5. Evaluate the architecture and architectural sculpture of Cormac's Chapel with regard to native tradition and foreign influences.