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ARCHAEOLOGY

AR312
ASPECTS OF CELTIC SOCIETIES IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND

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Time allowed: three hours

Answer three questions

1. Summarise the major problems involved in the study of the Early Iron Age in Ireland.
2. Treat generally of the Llyn Fawr hoard. Comment on its archaeological significance.
3. Briefly describe the evidence for chariotry in Early Iron Age Britain and Ireland.
4. Describe the principal Early Iron Age components of the royal sites of Navan Fort (*Emain Macha*), and Knockaulin (*Dún Ailinne*), and comment on their role as centres of ritual and of political power.
5. Treat generally of Early Iron Age pillar stones in Ireland.

Or

Give a concise account of the Turoe Stone and comment on its significance.

6. Write a concise account of the iconic carvings (stone heads etc.) of the Irish Iron Age
7. Treat of the swords and scabbards of the Irish Iron Age.