SECOND PUBLIC EXAMINATION HONOUR SCHOOL OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

LANDSCAPE AND ECOLOGY

TRINITY TERM 2021

Wednesday 26 May, opening time 09:30 (BST)

Candidates are allowed 3 hours to complete the paper

Mode of Completion (format in which you will complete this exam): Typed

Candidates should answer THREE questions

Please start the answer to each question in the relevant text box.

The word length for your three questions must be no fewer than 500 words and no more than 1600 words per question.

- 1. Discuss the impact of Holocene plant and animal 'arrivals' on the human populations of Great Britain and Ireland.
- 2. Consider the role climate [i.e. the Roman Warm Period] played on the Roman occupation of 'Britannia'.
- 3. Using examples, discuss how archaeology can be used to investigate the time depth of major global food cultures.
- 4. How do distribution maps inform us about the nature of human activity on the landscape?
- 5. How do GIS and phenomenological approaches to landscape differ, and what are the pros and cons of each?
- 6. In what ways do funerary sites reference the landscape? Discuss with examples.
- 7. Why are archaeologists interested in the origins of cemeteries?
- 8. In what ways are landscapes 'contested', and what are the issues with reconciling different understandings of a landscape?
- 9. How does colonisation process differ for continents and islands? Discuss with examples.
- 10. Does the Anthropocene begin in prehistory? What evidence can be used to argue for or against this?
- 11. What light does the study of waterlogged plant remains shed on prehistoric human life and activities in Great Britain and Ireland?
- 12. How can studies of subsistence in archaeology go beyond diet to address other aspects of past societies?

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