

Cork Institute of Technology

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Herbal Science – Stage 3

(SHERB_8_Y3)

Summer 2008

Plant Anthropology

(Time: 2 Hours)

Instructions

Answer a total of **FOUR** questions

All questions carry equal marks.

Examiners:

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Mr G. Levieille

Dr. D. Corrigan

Dr. D. Clare

- Q.1 What conservation methods do you think are particularly valuable in ensuring sustainability in the production of medicinal and aromatic plants for use in herbal medicine?
- Q.2 Discuss famine in the Irish context.
- Q.3 How do you feel knowledge loss and knowledge secrecy have affected Western herbal medicine?
- Q.4 List 5 indigenous plants (common name, Latin name and botanical family) which can be used as wild or hunter gatherer foods, discuss which parts of the plant are used, in what season they are harvested and how they are used. Please include all parts of the plant used and any other useful information.
- Q.5 Do you think that psychoactive plants have any role to play in modern Irish society; if so what and how?
- Q.6 List 3 plants which have historically, or still, play a role in material culture (building, clothing, transport, body decoration etc.) and discuss their role.