

Exam, The Celts and their languages, autumn 2017

Theory

- Basic information about Celts, historical and geographical setting
- Celtic festivals
- Classification of Celtic languages- Brythonic and Goidelic branches of Celtic languages, P Celtic and Q Celtic, Insular and Continental, typological features and modern Celtic languages, modern Celtic languages, historical continental Celtic languages.
- Brythonic languages (The Picts, the gradual withdrawal of the brythonic languages from Britain, Cornish, Breton (short history and the languages and geographical context)).
- Welsh language- origin and short history, Welsh in different historical stages, medieval literature (Mabinogi), modern Welsh (today's situation and the Welsh speaking areas), important characters of the Welsh language: William Morgan, Lady Charlotte Guest, Hedd Wyn, George Borrow, the integration of the Welsh language into British society and its implications, Welsh pronunciation, mutations (only theory), Welsh dialects.
- Goidelic languages- history of Irish, Irish medieval literature, Scottish Gaelic and Manx.

Reading:

- Mabinogi (The first branch of Mabinogi and its index, orientation in the main characters)
- The Dream of Oengus (the story plot and the main characters)
- Welsh national anthem and the poem Rhyfel by Hedd Wyn

The main literature sources:

- The notes from the lectures
- Fortson Celtic languages
- Prof. Václav Blažek: *Keltské jazyky*