



2023

HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Course No. : H – 102

(Archaeology: Methods & Approaches)

Full Marks : 70

Time : 3 hours

*The questions are of equal value
The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions*

Answer any five questions

1. a) Write any two of the following: 7x2
- i) Concept of time, space and change in archaeology.
 - ii) 18th and 19th century growth of archaeology and the influence of geology.
 - iii) Archaeology and its relationship with other sciences.
- Or**
- b) Write on *any two* of the following: 7+7
- i) Goals of archaeology and its ethics.
 - ii) Can archaeology reconstruct the symbolic and cognitive aspects of the past? Explain.
 - iii) Various interpretation pattern of the archaeological data.
- 2.a) Explain post processual archaeology and its key points. Discuss its merits and demerits. 14

Or

(Turn Over)

- b) Write on *any two* of the following: 7+7
- i) Normative Approach according to culture History.
 - ii) Middle Range theory according to New Archaeology.
 - iii) Interpretative archaeology.

3. a) Discuss the growth of archaeology in India's pre-Independence. 14

Or

- b) Write any two: 7x2
- i) Contribution of James Burgess to Indian Archaeology.
 - ii) John Marshall and Indian Archaeology.
 - iii) T.C. Sharma and his contribution to North East Indian Archaeology.

4. a) Write on *any two* of the following: 7x2

- i) Archaeological site formation and the various factors that influence the formation process.
- ii) Systematic archaeological excavation.
- iii) Can archaeology play a role in conserving and protecting the past heritage? Justify citing examples.

Or

- b) i) The various archaeological site survey methods.
- ii) Grid Method of excavation..
- iii) What is an artefact? To what extent by studying artifact we can reconstruct the past. How has study of artefacts evolved thereof time.
5. a) Why is dating of an artifact or a site important in archaeology? What do you understand by relative and absolute dating method? Explain with suitable examples. 14

Or

- b) Why is it required to do absolute dating in archaeology? Explain C 14 and TL dating methods.

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