



2022

(4th Semester)

HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Course No. : H - 203

(Neolithic and Chalcolithic Cultures of India)

Full Marks : 70

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

Answer any five (5) questions

1. Discuss the meaning and scope of the term 'Neolithic' in the light of the changing concepts. Analyse the chief characteristic features with special reference to economy , technology and settlement pattern 7+7

Or

Write an essay on the distribution of Neolithic sites in India. Mention some important excavated sites and their significant finds. 7+7

2. Attempt a critical review of the Neolithic pattern of the Indian Sub continent with special reference to the site of Mehrgarh. Could you trace the evolution of the Pre-Harappan and Harappan cultures from Neolithic food producing stage? 7+7

Or

Bring out the archaeological significance of the Neolithic cultures of Eastern India from excavated sites.

14

(Turn Over)

3. Describe in detail the Neolithic cultures of the Vindhyan Region. 14

Or

Systematically describe the stratigraphy, chronology and cultural objects recovered from the excavations at Burzahom and Gufkral Neolithic sites

7+7

4. Review the term 'Chalcolithic' and show the geographical extent of chalcolithic cultures of India. Discuss the factors responsible for the introduction of agriculture in the Deccan Chalcolithic region and their consequences. 5+9

Or

Critically discuss the Deccan Jorwe cultures and their distribution. Enumerate on the decline of Jorwe cultures basing on evidence gathered from Inamgaon and Daimabad.

7+7

5. Mention the distinctive features of Chalcolithic culture of Central India with special reference to tool technology, pottery and subsistence pattern. 14

Or

State the importance of pottery in archaeology. Distinguish between pre-Harappan and Mature Harappan pottery types with reference to colour, shape, fabric and decorations

7+7

6. Write short notes on any two: 7+7
- a) Ashmound problem of South India
 - b) Neolithic pattern of NE India
 - c) Balathal and Gilund Chalcolithic
 - d) Ochre coloured pottery (OCP)

