



H & ARCH-203/23

2023

( 4th Semester )

HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Course No. : H-203 (old)

( 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** questions

1. Describe the Neolithic culture of Northern India based on recent excavated sites from the Kashmir Valley. 14

Or

Write a critical summary on Mehrgarh excavation and draw its potential significance in the context of Asian Neolithic. 7+7=14

2. Draw the significance of the Vindhyan region with reference to evidence on early rice domestication from excavated sites. 14

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( Turn Over )

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Or

Give a critical assessment on North-East India as a potential centre of rice and millet domestication in the light of the regions Neolithic archaeology.

3. Outline the distinctive features of the Eastern Indian Neolithic based on evidence from excavated sites. 14

Or

What are the chief features of the South Indian Neolithic? Draw the relevance of Neolithic ash mounds to one of the key features of early South Indian Neolithic based on few excavated sites. 5+9=14

4. Evaluate the Chalcolithic evidence of Mewar region with special reference to Ahar. 14

Or

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

5. Give a critical assessment on the origin of agriculture in the Deccan Chalcolithic region and mention its consequences. 7+7=14

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Or

Show the geographical extent of the Chalcolithic cultures in India. Reconstruct the subsistence pattern, house types and burial practices of the Chalcolithic societies on the basis of excavated evidences from Daimabad and Nevasa. 7+7=14

6. Trace the origin of pre-Harappan cultures from Neolithic food-producing stage and its spread to the Indus Plain. 14

Or

Give a critical assessment on the factors responsible for the decline of the Indus Valley Civilization.

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