



2023

HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Course No. : H - 206

(Neolithic & Megalithic Cultures of North-East India)

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) Discuss the physiographic features of Northeast India and their impact on Neolithic culture of the region. Do you agree that the variation in the Neolithic culture of Northeast India were due to geographical features? 14

Or

- b) Give a critical appraisal on the Neolithic culture of Northeast India. Support your answer with archaeological excavation conducted at any 2 sites conducted in the region. 14

2. a) What do you understand by the term ethnoarchaeology? Comment on the relevance of ethnoarchaeological research on the living pottery tradition of the Nagas. 14

Or

- b) Give an account of events and consequences during the colonial period, their contributions towards archaeological studies in the Northeast and the subsequent archaeological research in the Post-independence era. 14

(Turn Over)

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3. a) Critically assess the status of megalithic research in Indian archaeology. **14**
- Or*
- b) Give a detailed account on the chronology and types of South Indian megaliths. **7+7**
4. a) Define Ethnoarchaeology. Bring out the relevance of ethnoarchaeology to the study of living tradition in Northeast India. **4+10**
- Or*
- b) Give a detailed account on the types of Khasi and Naga megaliths and their associated social meanings. **7+7**
5. Write short notes on **any two** of the following: **7+7**
- a) Chronology of Northeast Neolithic culture.
 - b) Nongpok excavation, Manipur.
 - c) Association of 'feast of merit' and Naga stone monuments.
 - d) Experimental archaeology in Indian megalithic research.

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