

M.A. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,
NOVEMBER 2022.

First Semester

History

Elective : PRINCIPLES AND METHODS OF
ARCHAEOLOGY

(For those who joined in July 2021 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Archaeological evidence are
 - (a) Tool
 - (b) Kid
 - (c) Primary
 - (d) Reference

7. Topography helps to find out _____
(Morphology?)
 - (a) Site
 - (b) Bird
 - (c) Animal
 - (d) Flowers

8. The Section is most important field operation in the excavation as it provide _____.
 - (a) Horizontal profile of the strata
 - (b) Vertical profile of the strata of the size
 - (c) Slanting profile
 - (d) Cross section

9. Nitrogen dating relies on release of amino from _____.
 - (a) Bone
 - (b) Iron
 - (c) Wood
 - (d) Stone

10. The most reliable method of dating is _____.
 - (a) Radio carbon
 - (b) Potassium
 - (c) Pollen
 - (d) Dendrochronology

2. Mesolithic technology was based on _____.
 - (a) Microblades
 - (b) Parallel sided blades
 - (c) Packed and ground tools
 - (d) Tiny tools

3. The credit of South Indian Archaeology in definite chronology goes to
 - (a) Mortimer Wheeler
 - (b) John Marshall
 - (c) A Ghosh
 - (d) James Burgess

4. The Asiatic Society of Bengal was established by Sir William Jones in
 - (a) 1784 CE
 - (b) 1874 CE
 - (c) 1878 CE
 - (d) 1788 CE

5. Studying the external features of an archaeological site is called as _____.
 - (a) Archaeology
 - (b) Epigraphy
 - (c) Exploration
 - (d) Excavation

6. The study of iconographical features of a site is _____.
 - (a) Archaeology
 - (b) Epigraphy
 - (c) Exploration
 - (d) Excavation

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).
Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

11. (a) Discuss the life pattern of Palaeolithic people.
Or
(b) Write a note on the purpose of Archaeology.

12. (a) Mention the importance of Aerial photography.
Or
(b) State the significance of Rosetta Stone.

13. (a) State the open stripping method of excavation.
Or
(b) Account for recording Excavation data.

14. (a) Now is stratigraphy used in archaeology?
Or
(b) Bring out the aims of Archaeological Survey.

15. (a) Who discovered the Carbon-14 method of dating?
Or
(b) Explain the Archaeomagnetism.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b)
Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Trace the value of archaeology.

Or

(b) Narrate the importance of Ethno and Salvage archaeology.

17. (a) Write an essay on the new techniques in exploration.

Or

(b) Examine the achievements of Sir John Marshall.

18. (a) Sketch the various types of excavation methods.

Or

(b) Discuss the prerequisites for an archaeological excavation.

19. (a) Examine the principles of stratigraphy.

Or

(b) How does the study of Antiquities help us to understand history and culture?

20. (a) Enlighten how archaeomagnetic dating useful in archaeology.

Or

(b) Write about the potassium-argon dating.