

April 2025
B.A./B.Sc.
Fourth Semester
GENERIC ELECTIVE – 4
ANTHROPOLOGY
Course Code: ANG 4.11
(Foundation of Archaeological Anthropology)

Total Mark: 70

Pass Mark: 28

Time: 3 hours

Answer five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. What is indigenous archaeology? How does it function as a decolonising practice within the broader field of archaeology?
2+12=14
2. How did antiquarianism contribute to the development of archaeology? Enumerate the merits and demerits of this approach.
7+7=14

UNIT-II

3. How has aerial survey transformed the way archaeologists locate, document, and interpret archaeological sites? 14
4. (a) Write a note on the types of trenches. 7
(b) Compare the advantages and disadvantages of vertical versus horizontal excavation methods in understanding archaeological context. 7

UNIT-III

5. Compare and contrast the relative and absolute dating methods in archaeology, citing suitable examples. 14
6. What is dendrochronology? Evaluate the reliability of dendrochronology as a dating method in archaeology. 4+10=14

UNIT-IV

7. Define the position of the Pleistocene chronologically and give a brief account of the significance of the Pleistocene epoch. 14
8. Write a note each on the following: 7×2=14
- (a) Flora and fauna during the Pleistocene
 - (b) Glaciation and interglaciation in the Himalayan region during the Pleistocene and its impact on the Indian subcontinent

UNIT-V

9. “The development of tool technology was a turning point in human cultural evolution.” Justify the statement citing suitable examples. 14
10. Interpret the transition from flake tools to grounded and polished tools in the Neolithic era in terms of technological and cultural innovations. 14
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