

October 2025
B.A./B.Sc.
Fifth Semester
CORE – 11
ANTHROPOLOGY
Course Code: ANC 5.11
(South Asian Archaeology)

Total Mark: 70

Pass Mark: 28

Time: 3 hours

Answer five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. Critically assess the contributions of H. D. Sankalia to Indian archaeology. In what ways did his work mark a transition from the former colonial approaches? 10+4=14
2. Discuss the major climatic and geological developments in India during the Quaternary Period. 14

UNIT-II

3. Examine the functional and cultural significance of the Lower Palaeolithic tool kit in shaping early human interaction with diverse environments. 14
4. Critically assess the significance of Attirampakkam in the broader framework of Lower Palaeolithic archaeology in India. 14

UNIT-III

5. Discuss the key features of the Middle Palaeolithic. Critically analyse the role and significance of the Levallois technique in Middle Palaeolithic sites across the subcontinent. 7+7=14
6. Provide an overview of the Patne site from an Upper Palaeolithic perspective, highlighting the archaeological evidence associated with the site. 14

UNIT-IV

7. Analyse the spatial distribution of Mesolithic sites across South Asia. What do regional variations reveal about human adaptation and technological strategies in different ecological zones? 7+7=14
8. Examine the archaeological evidence from Sarai Nahar Rai. What do these findings reveal about Mesolithic tools, subsistence strategies, and settlement patterns? 14

UNIT-V

9. What are megaliths? Examine the different types of megaliths found in Northeast India. 4+10=14
 10. Examine the archaeological evidence from the site Burzahom. Discuss the Neolithic technology and lifestyle as revealed from this site. 7+7=14
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