

November 2025
M.Sc.
First Semester
CORE – 03
ANTHROPOLOGY
Course Code: MANC 1.31
(Fundamentals of Archaeology)

Total Mark: 70

Pass Mark: 28

Time: 3 hours

Answer five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. Highlight and examine the concepts of the new archaeology/processual archaeology. 14
2. What are the major sub-branches of archaeology? Discuss how each contributes towards archaeological studies. 4+10=14

UNIT-II

3. What do you understand by vertical and horizontal excavations? Discuss the importance of each method. 7+7=14
4. Explain how different archaeological remains helps in the interpretation of past subsistence pattern. 14

UNIT-III

5. Why is chronology important for archaeology? Discuss the principle and applications of archaeomagnetic dating method. 3+11=14
6. What is relative dating? Discuss the importance of fluorine-nitrogen analysis. 2+12=14

UNIT-IV

7. Describe the climatic conditions and the flora and fauna of the Miocene epoch. 14

8. Discuss some theories that have been forwarded to explain the occurrence of glacial and interglacial conditions during the Pleistocene period. 14

UNIT-V

9. Describe some important factors that affect the nature of archaeological human bone assemblage. 14
10. What is bone histology? Describe the different types of cells that make up the osseous tissue in bones. 2+12=14
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