

SHRIMATHI DEVKUNVAR NANALAL BHATT VAISHNAV COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
(AUTONOMOUS)

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Chromepet, Chennai - 600 044.

B.A. History and Tourism - END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - APRIL 2025

SEMESTER - V

24UHIET5A01 - Archaeology

Total Duration : 2 Hrs.30 Mins.

Total Marks : 60

Section B

Answer any **SIX** questions ($6 \times 5 = 30$ Marks)

1. Explain the aims of archaeological excavation.
2. Compare and contrast the Paleolithic and Mesolithic cultures of India.
3. Discuss the distinguishing features of the Harappan civilization. How did its urban planning differ from that of the Chalcolithic cultures?
4. Explain the significance of the Brahmi script in deciphering ancient Indian history. Provide examples of inscriptions written in Brahmi.
5. Describe the different types of Coins issued by Gupta Dynasty. What information do these coins provide about Gupta Dynasty?
6. Explain the process of archaeological exploration. What are the different methods used to locate potential archaeological sites?
7. Analyze the reasons for the decline of the Harappan civilization. Discuss different theories proposed by archaeologists.
8. Evaluate the importance of numismatic evidence in reconstructing the history of the Chola dynasty.

Section C

Answer any **THREE** questions ($3 \times 10 = 30$ Marks)

9. Briefly explain the different methods used in archaeological excavation
10. Discuss the Neolithic Revolution and its impact on the development of human societies in India.
11. Describe the Chalcolithic cultures of Western and Central India with the early Iron Age cultures.

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12. Analyze the different types of inscriptions found in South India. Discuss the information they provide about the political, social, and cultural history of the region.
13. Assess the importance of numismatics as a source of historical information. Critically evaluate the limitations of numismatic evidence.
