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B.A.History and Tourism- END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS - NOVEMBER 2025
SEMESTER - V

24UHJET5A01 - Archaeology

Total Duration : 2 Hrs.30 Mins.

Total Marks : 60

Section B

Answer any **SIX** questions (6 × 5 = 30 Marks)

1. Define the different stages of exploration and show how they contribute to archaeological discoveries.
2. Illustrate the key features of Mesolithic settlements in India with reference to material culture.
3. Classify the Painted Grey Ware and Northern Black Polished Ware cultures, highlighting their distinctive traits.
4. Apply your understanding of epigraphy to explain the role of copper-plate inscriptions in South Indian history.
5. Describe the significance of coin hoards as a source of historical information.
6. Analyze how different types of burial practices reveal social structures in Megalithic South India.
7. Compare the Chalcolithic cultures of Western India with those of Central India.
8. Justify the use of Gupta gold coins as evidence for economic prosperity in ancient India.

Section C

Answer any **THREE** questions (3 × 10 = 30 Marks)

9. Apply the principles of excavation to explain the role of scientific techniques such as carbon dating in archaeology.
10. Critically analyze the transition from hunting-gathering to food production in Neolithic India.
11. Assess the contributions of Harappan urban planning to later cultural developments in India.
12. Examine the importance of Brahmi inscriptions in reconstructing the political history of the early Tamil kingdoms.
13. Evaluate the role of Chola and Vijayanagar coinage in reconstructing trade networks and cultural exchange.
