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**FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)
EXAMINATION, APRIL 2026**

(CBCSS)

History

HIS4E01—ARCHAEOLOGY : THEORY AND PRACTICE

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

*Answers can be written **either** in English **or** Malayalam.
Only one language should be used throughout the answer script.*

Part A (Short Answer Type)*Answer any **four** of the following questions.**Each question carries 2 weightage.*

1. Define 'Assemblage' in an archaeological context.
2. Discovery of Indus Valley Civilization.
3. Formation of Mount.
4. Under water Archaeology.
5. Geophysical Survey.
6. Historical dating.
7. PGW culture.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

Part B*(Short Essay/ Problem Solving Type)**Answer any **four** of the following questions.**Each question carries 3 weightage.*

8. Elucidate the relation of Archaeology with other social sciences.
9. Give an account of the Three Age System theory.

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10. Detail the importance of Photographic documentation and illustrations during field research.
11. Explain the functions of various excavation methods and highlight its importance.
12. What is Ethno-archaeology, and how does it help interpret the past ?
13. Outline the main features and significance of Megalithic cultures in South India.
14. Describe the important scientific dating methods used to fix the chronology.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

Part C (Long Essay Type)

*Answer any **two** of the following questions.*

Each question carries 5 weightage.

15. Discuss the history of archaeology in India, highlighting major milestones and institutional developments.
16. Elucidate the methods of documentation and its importance in archaeological fieldwork.
17. Analyse the evolution of archaeological theory, from culture-evolution to contemporary post-processual critiques.
18. Evaluate the archaeological evidence for Indo-Roman trade in the Indian Ocean.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)