

**PG Programme in Archaeology
Centre of Central Asian Studies
Entrance Test Syllabus
University of Kashmir-2025.
Each unit carries 4 marks.**

Unit-1: Introduction to Archaeology

- a. Terms, concepts and definitions
- b. Origin and Development of Archaeology in India
- c. Branches of Archaeology
- d. Important sites

Unit-2: Geology

- a. Geological time scale
- b. Stratigraphy
- c. Sedimentology
- d. Geomorphology

Unit-3: Geography

- a. Mountains
- b. Rivers
- c. Ecology
- d. Climate

Unit-4: Natural Sciences

- a. Fossils
- b. Primate Evolution
- c. Human Physiology
- d. Properties of Elements/Compounds

Unit-5: Sources and Chronology

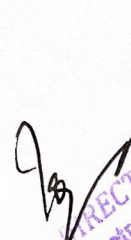
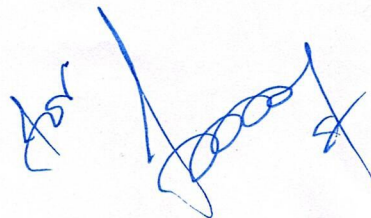
- a. Literary Sources
- b. Archaeological Sources
- c. Chronology of cultural phases in India
- d. Travelogues

Unit-6: Prehistoric cultures

- a. Palaeolithic
- b. Mesolithic
- c. Neolithic
- d. Megalithic

Unit-7: Protohistoric cultures

- a. Geographical extent
- b. Origin and Development
- c. Important Sites
- d. Major excavated sites



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Unit-8: Indus Valley Civilization

- a. Architecture
- b. Arts and Crafts
- c. Trade and Economy
- d. Decline

Unit-9: The Vedic Period

- a. The Vedic literature
- b. The Origin of Aryans
- c. Political institutions
- d. Social institutions

Unit-10: Early and Historic Period

- a. Mauryan, Sungas, Satvahanas
- b. Indo-Greek, Kushans, Guptas
- c. Palas, Pratiharas
- d. Rashtrakutas, Cholas

Unit-11: Medieval Period

- a. Delhi Sultans
- b. Mughals
- c. Afghans
- d. Sikhs

Unit-12: Ancient Indian Architecture

- a. Origin and Development
- b. Jain Architecture
- c. Buddhist Architecture
- d. Hindu Architecture

Unit-13: Methods in Archaeology

- a. Exploration
- b. Excavation
- c. Sondage
- d. Other Surveys

Unit-14: Archaeological Science

- a. Archaeozoology, Archaeobotany
- b. Environmental Archaeology
- c. Absolute dating methods
- d. Other dating methods

Unit-15: Archaeology of Kashmir

- a. Palaeolithic sites
- b. Important Neolithic Sites
- c. Early Historic Archaeology
- d. Major excavated sites