



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Archaeology

ARCH1

Unit 1 The Archaeology of Religion and Ritual

Tuesday 13 January 2009 9.00 am to 10.15 am

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 1 hour 15 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is ARCH1.
- Answer **four** questions.
Answer the compulsory question in Section A, **one** question from Section B and **two** questions from Section C.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 40 minutes answering Section C.

SECTION A: THE TERMINOLOGY OF RELIGION AND RITUAL

Answer **all** parts of the question.

Your archaeological examples may be drawn from one or more periods.

1 Giving at least **one** archaeological example for each term, explain what is meant by the following:

- (a) ritual *(5 marks)*
- (b) polytheism *(5 marks)*
- (c) excarnation. *(5 marks)*

SECTION B: RELIGION AND RITUAL OF PRESCRIBED SITES

Answer **one** question from this section.

Choose one of the following periods and its associated site and use your own knowledge and understanding of this site. You must focus on the religious and ritual aspects of the site that you choose.

2 Prehistoric Europe 30 000 BC to AD 43

In the context of religion and ritual, explain the significance of Lascaux Cave. *(15 marks)*

3 Ancient Egypt 3000 BC to 50 BC

In the context of religion and ritual, explain the significance of the Temple at Medinet Habu. *(15 marks)*

4 Roman Europe 753 BC to AD 410

In the context of religion and ritual, explain the significance of the Temple of Mithras, Carrawburgh. *(15 marks)*

Turn over for the next question

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SECTION C: RELIGION AND RITUAL IN CULTURAL CONTEXT

Answer any **two** questions, either from the same culture or from two different ones.

In answering the questions you should make reference to archaeological sites and evidence.

Prehistoric Europe 30 000 BC to AD 43

- 5 What interpretations have been put forward to explain the 'Venus Figurines' of Upper Palaeolithic Europe? *(15 marks)*
- 6 How did burial practice change from the Neolithic to the Bronze Age in **either** Britain **or** Europe? *(15 marks)*
- 7 Outline the astronomical theories put forward for alignments in prehistoric monuments. *(15 marks)*
- 8 To what extent was inhumation the most typical form of burial practice in Iron Age Europe? *(15 marks)*

Ancient Egypt 3000 BC to 50 BC

- 9 Explain the significance of obelisks and pylon gateways at Egyptian temple sites. *(15 marks)*
- 10 To what extent can archaeologists establish the roles that women played in Egyptian ritual? *(15 marks)*
- 11 Explain the ritual of the Opet Festival. *(15 marks)*
- 12 What is the relationship between the origin myth of Amun and the Temple at Karnak? *(15 marks)*

Roman Europe 753 BC to AD 410

- 13 How far does archaeological evidence contribute to our understanding of sacrifice in Roman Europe? *(15 marks)*
- 14 Outline the experience of a pilgrim at a cult temple in Roman Britain. *(15 marks)*
- 15 How successful have archaeologists been in identifying the presence of religious leaders in Roman communities? *(15 marks)*
- 16 How did the main elements of a Roman temple reflect its use? *(15 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS