



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Level Examination
June 2015

Archaeology

ARCH3

Unit 3 World Archaeology

Thursday 18 June 2015 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

- 2 hours

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is ARCH3.
- Answer **three** questions:
 - **two** questions from **Section A**, each from a different theme
 - **one** question from **Section B**.
- 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 90.
- Quality of Written Communication (QWC) will be assessed in this paper.
You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Section A: Themes in World Archaeology

Answer **two** questions from this section, each from a different theme.

Use case studies to explain your answers and support your arguments.

Theme 1: People and Society in the Past

Question 1

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 To what extent were family units in the past comprised of only parents and children?
[30 marks]

Question 2

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 What physical evidence is of most value to archaeologists in explaining the emergence of ranked societies?
[30 marks]

Question 3

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 Were human or environmental factors more significant in the decline **and/or** collapse of past (modern human) societies?
Explain your answer.
[30 marks]

Theme 2: Sites and People in the Landscape

Question 4

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 Discuss the evidence for seasonal exploitation of the landscape in **at least two** different cultures you have studied.
[30 marks]

Question 5

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 Evaluate the contribution of particular experimental buildings to our understanding of settlements in the past.
[30 marks]

Question 6

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 To what extent have archaeologists explained the emergence of **either** sedentism **or** urban settlements in **at least two** societies you have studied?
[30 marks]

Theme 3: Economics and Material Culture**Question 7**

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To what extent does archaeological evidence support the view that hunter-gatherers had successful, productive economies?

[30 marks]

Question 8

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'Most tools and technologies in the past were made from organic materials.'

Discuss.

[30 marks]

Question 9

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Were domestic animals of greater economic value dead or alive in past societies?

Explain your answer.

[30 marks]

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Section B: Contemporary Issues in World Archaeology

Answer **one** question from this section.

You should explain your answer using case studies to support your argument.

Question 10

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 In the 21st century, the public value of Archaeology is described in terms of 'Heritage Assets'.

What kind of an asset are archaeological remains in the United Kingdom?

[30 marks]

Question 11

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 'Today collectors are the real looters, not metal-detectorists.'

Discuss.

[30 marks]

Question 12

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 'Archaeology still has a role in the construction of national identity by modern nation states.'

Discuss.

[30 marks]

Question 13

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 Discuss why archaeologists disagree about the reasons for Neanderthal extinction.

[30 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS