

# ENTRANCE TEST - 2025

## School of Social Sciences

### Archaeology

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1. What is the primary aim of archaeology as an academic discipline?

(a) To study formation of rocks  
(b) To study ancient languages  
(c) To study ancient material remains  
(d) To study topography

2. Who introduced the concept of behavioural archaeology?

(a) Lewis Bimford  
(b) Gordon Childe  
(c) Michael B. Schiffer  
(d) Flinders Petrie

3. What does the term archaeometry refer to?

(a) Study of ancient texts  
(b) Use of scientific techniques in archaeology  
(c) Classification of historical artifacts  
(d) Mapping ancient trade routes

4. Shikarpur, is classified as which type of archaeological site?

(a) Palaeolithic site  
(b) Mesolithic site  
(c) Neolithic site  
(d) Harappan site

5. Which era of the geological time scale is known for the diversification of mammals and birds?

10. Which river is also known as “*Vitasta*” in Sanskrit?

(a) Indus river  
(b) Chenab River  
(c) Jhelum  
(d) Tawi River

9. Which mountain range is the longest in the world?

(a) The Rockies  
(b) The Himalayas  
(c) The Andes  
(d) The Alps

8. Which process is responsible for shaping river valleys over time?

(a) Fluvial erosion  
(b) Aeolian erosion  
(c) Glacial erosion  
(d) Tectonic uplift

7. What does sedimentology primarily study?

(a) Volcanic rock formations  
(b) The origins, transport, and deposition of sediments.  
(c) Earth's magnetic field changes  
(d) The movement of tectonic plates

6. Who introduced the law of superposition, which is used in archaeology to determine the relative age of artifacts and excavation layers?

(a) Charles Lyell  
(b) Nicholas Steno  
(c) Howard Carter  
(d) Mary Leakey

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11. Who coined the term “*ecology*”?
  - (a) Jhon Lubbock
  - (b) Brian Fagan
  - (c) Daniel Watson
  - (d) Ernest Haeckel
12. Which climate zone experiences the most rainfall?
  - (a) Desert
  - (b) Tropical rainforest
  - (c) Tundra
  - (d) Grassland
13. Which of the following fossilized animal species was reported from Galandar, Kashmir?
  - (a) Dinasour
  - (b) Crocodile
  - (c) Fish
  - (d) Elephant
14. What is the primary purpose of relative dating in geology?
  - (a) To determine the absolute age of rocks
  - (b) To identify the chronological order of past events
  - (c) To measure the chemical composition of fossils
  - (d) To predict future geological event
15. Where were the 3.5-million-year-old footprints found?
  - (a) Olduvai Gorge
  - (b) Hadar
  - (c) Laetoli
  - (d) Sterkfontein
16. Which carbohydrate is stored in the liver and muscles?
  - (a) Glucose
  - (b) Glycogen
  - (c) Cellulose
  - (d) Sucrose
17. Which of the following is a compound?
  - (a) Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>)
  - (b) Sodium (Na)
  - (c) Gold (Au)
  - (d) Water (H<sub>2</sub>O)
18. In which language were the Vedas composed?
  - (a) Brahmi
  - (b) Sanskrit
  - (c) Prakrit
  - (d) Pali
19. What does stratigraphy help archaeologists determine?
  - (a) The chronological sequence of buried layers
  - (b) The nutritional habits of ancient civilizations
  - (c) The political structure of ancient societies
  - (d) The language of ancient scripts
20. What was the purpose of Fa-Hien’s visit to India?
  - (a) To establish diplomatic relations
  - (b) To study Buddhist traditions and visit sacred sites
  - (c) To conquer territories
  - (d) To trade goods

21. Where is the Palaeolithic site of Isampur located?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Karnataka

22. Where is the Mesolithic site of Bagor located?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

23. Burzahom is situated on which type of land formation?

- (a) Plateau
- (b) Karewa
- (c) River
- (d) Mountain

24. Which technique was used to date Period IB at Gufkral?

- (a) DNA analysis
- (b) Dendrochronology
- (c) Radiocarbon dating
- (d) Thermoluminescence dating

25. What does the term 'Early Harappan Phase' refer to?

- (a) The decline of the Indus Valley Civilization
- (b) The transition from village settlements to urban centres
- (c) The arrival of Aryans in the subcontinent
- (d) The period when Harappan civilization was ruled by Mesopotamia

26. What term did M. R. Mughal propose to replace 'Pre-Harappan'?

- (a) Proto-Harappan
- (b) Early Harappan
- (c) Mature Harappan
- (d) Late Harappan

27. Who first identified similarities between the early and mature Harappan cultures?

- (a) John Marshall
- (b) M. R. Mughal
- (c) Amalananda Ghosh
- (d) Mortimer Wheeler

28. Where is Harappan site of Bhirrana located?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

29. Who excavated the Harappan site of Dholavira?

- (a) John Marshall
- (b) R.S. Bisht
- (c) Mortimer Wheeler
- (d) D. P. Agrawal

30. Which Harappan site is known for pottery kilns?

- (a) Mohenjodaro
- (b) Kalibangan
- (c) Lothal
- (d) Nagarjunakonda

31. Which semi-precious stone used for bead-making was obtained from Badakhshan, Afghanistan?

- (a) Carnelian
- (b) Jasper
- (c) Lapis Lazuli
- (d) Agate

32. Which factor is considered most appropriate for Harappan decline?

- (a) Fire
- (b) Aryan Invasion
- (c) Climate Change
- (d) Famine

33. Which of the following Vedas is primarily a collection of hymns dedicated to sacrifices?

- (a) Sama Veda
- (b) Yajur Veda
- (c) Atharva Veda
- (d) Rig Veda

34. Which civilization preceded the Vedic period?

- (a) Mesopotamian Civilization
- (b) Indus Valley Civilization
- (c) Mauryan Empire
- (d) Kushana Empire

35. What were the large states that emerged toward the end of the Vedic period called?

- (a) Rajyas
- (b) Provinces
- (c) Colonies
- (d) Mahajanapadas

36. The Eightfold Path is a teaching of which religion?

- (a) Jainism
- (b) Zoroastrianism
- (c) Buddhism
- (d) Sikhism

37. Which dynasty's decline led to the rise of the Maurya Empire?

- (a) Gupta
- (b) Nanda
- (c) Kushan
- (d) Shunga

38. What term was used in Indian texts to refer to Western foreigners, including Greeks?

- (a) Dravida
- (b) Yavana
- (c) Shaka
- (d) Kamboja

39. Which archaeological site is associated with Greek-influenced architecture and Indo-Greek settlements?

- (a) Nalanda
- (b) Kanchipuram
- (c) Sanchi
- (d) Sirkap

40. Which Indo-Scythian ruler is traditionally associated with the Vikrama era (58/57 BCE)?

- (a) Azes I
- (b) Maues
- (c) Aspavarmen
- (d) Rajuvula

41. What title appeared on the Indo-Parthian coins of Gondophares?

- (a) Chakravartin
- (b) Great King of Kings
- (c) Rajadhiraja
- (d) Maharathi

42. Where were the Yuezhi originally based before their migration?

- (a) Tibet
- (b) Persia
- (c) Gansu, North-West China
- (d) Mesopotamia

43. Which Kushan ruler introduced bimetallic currency in bronze and gold?

- (a) Kujula Kadphises
- (b) Vima Kadphises
- (c) Kanishka I
- (d) Vasudeva I

44. Which of the following Gupta inscriptions provides a detailed account of Samudragupta's military conquests?

- (a) Eran inscription
- (b) Junagadh rock inscription
- (c) Bhitari pillar inscription
- (d) Allahabad pillar inscription

45. Which marriage alliance strengthened the political influence of the Guptas?

- (a) Chandragupta I's marriage to Kumaradevi of the Lichchhavis
- (b) Samudragupta's marriage to a Mauryan princess
- (c) Ashoka's marriage to a Kushana princess
- (d) Vikramaditya's marriage to a Greek noblewoman

46. The Rashtrakutas are famous for their patronage of which temple?

- (a) Brihadeswara Temple
- (b) Sun Temple
- (c) Kailasanatha Temple
- (d) Jagannath Temple

47. Which Mughal emperor introduced agricultural taxes as a major revenue source?

- (a) Babur
- (b) Akbar
- (c) Jahangir
- (d) Aurangzeb

48. Where did Buddha attain enlightenment, leading to the construction of a sacred site?

- (a) Sarnath
- (b) Bodh Gaya
- (c) Kushinagar
- (d) Nalanda

49. Where is the Bharhut Stupa located?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Madhya Pradesh
- (d) Rajasthan

50. Which method is commonly used to locate archaeological sites using satellite images?

- (a) Remote sensing
- (b) Carbon dating
- (c) DNA analysis
- (d) Underwater excavation

51. What is the purpose of a ground survey in archaeology?

- (a) To analyze ancient texts
- (b) To study modern architecture
- (c) To create historical paintings
- (d) To collect artifacts without excavation

52. What is an eco-fact?

- (a) Stone tool
- (b) Botanical remains
- (c) Ceramics
- (d) Beads

53. What is the term for dating an artefact by counting tree rings?

- (a) Stratigraphy
- (b) Epigraphy
- (c) Dendrochronology
- (d) Numismatics

54. Which excavation method is used to understand the cultural sequence of a site?

- (a) Salvage excavation
- (b) Trial excavation
- (c) Sondage method
- (d) Vertical excavation

55. What is the quadrant method used for?

- (a) Excavation of burials and stupas
- (b) Excavation of fortifications
- (c) Excavation of underwater sites
- (d) Excavation of temples

56. What material was commonly used for making Neolithic tools in Kashmir?

- (a) Copper
- (b) Stone
- (c) Gold
- (d) Silver

57. What alternative theory was proposed by R.A.E. Conningham and T.L. Sutherland regarding the pits?

- (a) They were used for grain storage rather than dwellings
- (b) They were used for animal sacrifices
- (c) They were used for water storage
- (d) They were used for metalworking

58. What significant architectural feature was unearthed at Kanispur?

- (a) Diaper pebble of Kushana period
- (b) Underground tunnels
- (c) Buddhist monasteries
- (d) Large stone fortifications

59. Which site in Kashmir has provided evidence of early iron artefacts?

- (a) Semthan
- (b) Burzahom
- (c) Kanispur
- (d) Gufkral

60. Which type of pottery was found alongside iron artifacts at Semthan?

- (a) Painted Grey Ware (PGW)
- (b) Northern Black Polished Ware (NBPW)
- (c) Black and Red Ware
- (d) Chalcolithic Ware

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(A) William Flinders Petrie  
(B) D.P. Agrawal  
(C) Pitt Rivers  
(D) Charles Darwin

2. Which of the following is the largest site of Harappan Civilization ?  
(A) Mohenjodaro  
(B) Harappa  
(C) Rakhigarhi  
(D) Dholavira

3. A Harappan site of Lothal was a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) Lake  
(B) City  
(C) Fort  
(D) Port

4. What is the largest division of the geologic time scale ?  
(A) Eon  
(B) Era  
(C) Epoch  
(D) Period

5. During which geological era Human Beings evolved ?  
(A) Cenozoic  
(B) Mesozoic  
(C) Paleozoic  
(D) Precambrian

6. New Archaeology is also known as .....  
(A) Cultural Archaeology  
(B) Discovery of Archaeology  
(C) Processual Archaeology  
(D) None of these

7. Which natural energy resource is both renewable and exhaustible ?  
(A) Biomass  
(B) Kerosene  
(C) Coal  
(D) Petroleum

8. Paleoanthropology is the study of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) Fossils of early birds and their ancestors  
(B) Fossils of early fish and its descendants  
(C) Fossils of early reptiles and their descendants  
(D) Fossils of early humans and their ancestors

9. Which Mountain range acts as a barrier, preventing the cold Siberian winds from entering India ?  
(A) Satpura Range  
(B) Aravali Hills  
(C) Himalayas  
(D) None of the above

10. Which of the following does not affect the climate ?  
(A) Distance from the sea  
(B) Elevation  
(C) Soil fertility  
(D) Ocean currents

11. The remains of 3.2 million years old human ancestor Lucy was found from which place ?  
(A) Peking, China  
(B) Denisova, Russia  
(C) Hathnora, India  
(D) Ethiopia, Africa

12. Which one of the following elements is not a metal ?  
(A) Nickel  
(B) Nitrogen  
(C) Sodium  
(D) Mercury

13. Which of the following is an archaeological source ?  
(A) Coins  
(B) Monuments  
(C) Inscriptions  
(D) All of above

14. Which metal was first used by humans ?  
(A) Iron  
(B) Brass  
(C) Copper  
(D) Gold

15. Ashtadhyayi is a work of :  
(A) Kautilya  
(B) Panini  
(C) Kalhana  
(D) Bindusara

16. Which among the following is the oldest dynasty ?  
(A) Mauryan dynasty  
(B) Lohara dynasty  
(C) Gupta dynasty  
(D) Haryanka dynasty

17. Who discovered first Paleolithic tools in India ?  
(A) Sankalai  
(B) D.R. Sahani  
(C) R.B. Foote  
(D) M. Wheeler

18. Which among the following is known as father of "Indian Epigraphy" ?  
(A) J. Prinsep  
(B) E. Hultzsch  
(C) D.C. Sircar  
(D) A.S. Atlekar

19. What is OCP in Indian Archaeology ?  
(A) Orange Coloured Pottery  
(B) Ochre Coloured Pottery  
(C) Olive Coloured Pottery  
(D) Optical Complex Pottery

20. Si-Yu-Ki is a travel account written by ?  
(A) I-tsing  
(B) Fa-Hien  
(C) Ou-Kong  
(D) Xuan-Tsang

21. From which site the fragment of woven cloth was found ?  
(A) Mohenjodaro  
(B) Chanhu-daro  
(C) Rojdi  
(D) Dholavira

22. Who excavated the site of Laturadeva ?  
(A) R.S. Bisht  
(B) Rakesh Tewari  
(C) S.R. Rao  
(D) B.K. Thapar

23. The Harappan Settlement of Farmana was excavated by ?  
(A) B.R. Mani  
(B) K. Krishnan  
(C) Vasant Shinde  
(D) Z.D. Ansari

24. Who is the author of Indica ?  
(A) Marco Polo  
(B) Megasthenes  
(C) Ptolemy  
(D) Deimachos

25. Where was the statue of the Famous "Priest King" discovered in the Indus Valley Civilization ?  
(A) Harappa  
(B) Banawali  
(C) Chanhu-daro  
(D) Mohenjodaro

26. Who gave the "Flood Theory" for the decline of Harappan Civilization ?  
(A) Mortimer Wheeler  
(B) R.L. Rikes  
(C) G.L. Possehl  
(D) E.J. Mackay

27. To which deity is the Gayatri Mantra, found in the Rig Veda, dedicated ?  
(A) Varuna  
(B) Agni  
(C) Savitri  
(D) Surya

28. The Aryans are believed to have migrated into the Indian subcontinent around :  
(A) 2000-1500 BCE  
(B) 1000-500 BCE  
(C) 500-300 BCE  
(D) 3000-2500 BCE

29. Which coastal area was referred to as Kalinga in ancient times ?  
(A) Kerala  
(B) Tamil Nadu  
(C) Odisha  
(D) West Bengal

30. Where is the site of Ras-al-Jinz located with which the Harappans traded ?  
(A) Afghanistan  
(B) Oman  
(C) Egypt  
(D) Kyrgyzstan

31. At which of the following Indus Valley sites was a terracotta replica of a plough discovered ?  
(A) Dholavira  
(B) Kalibangan  
(C) Banawali  
(D) Rakhigarhi

32. Most of Ashoka's Inscriptions were in Prakrit and were written in the \_\_\_\_\_ Script.  
(A) Sanskrit  
(B) Pali  
(C) Kannada  
(D) Brahmi

33. Which king among the following adopted the title of Devaputra ?  
(A) Rudradaman I  
(B) Kanishka  
(C) Gautamiputra Satakarni  
(D) Vasudeva I

34. What serves as the primary source of information regarding the rulers of the Indo-Greek kingdom ?  
(A) Buddhist literature  
(B) Travelers' account  
(C) Jain literature  
(D) Coins

35. Who was the first ruler of the Gupta Dynasty who claimed the title of Maharajadhiraja ?  
(A) Ramagupta  
(B) Samudragupta  
(C) Chandragupta I  
(D) Skandagupta

36. Which monarch's reign is extensively documented in the Allahabad Pillar Inscription ?  
(A) Kanishka  
(B) Kharavela  
(C) Samudragupta  
(D) Porus

37. Which dynasty among the following reigned for the longest duration ?  
(A) The Palas  
(B) The Senas  
(C) The Rashtrakutas  
(D) The Pratiharas

38. Which of the following was the capital of early Chola dynasty ?  
(A) Madurai  
(B) Uraiyur  
(C) Karur  
(D) Kaveripatnam

39. Which among the following served as the royal emblem of the Chola Kingdom ?  
(A) Deer  
(B) Elephant  
(C) Bull  
(D) Tiger

40. Ziauddin Barani was \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) An Archaeologist  
(B) A Warrior  
(C) A King  
(D) A Political Thinker

41. What is the name of the first mosque constructed by the Delhi Sultans ?  
(A) Jama Masjid  
(B) Quwwat-ul-Islam  
(C) Jamali Kamali Masjid  
(D) Moth Ki Masjid

42. Which of the following princes was renowned for being a great patron of art ?  
(A) Prince Khusrau  
(B) Prince Daniyal  
(C) Prince Dara Sikoh  
(D) Prince Murad

43. Who was the founder of the Sikh empire in the Punjab ?  
(A) Guru Nanak  
(B) Ranjit Singh  
(C) Guru Govind  
(D) Guru Teg Bahadur

44. Who wrote the book 'The Agrarian System of Mughal India' ?  
(A) Irfan Habib  
(B) Athar Ali  
(C) Satish Chandra  
(D) Muzaffar Alam

45. Who among the following laid the foundation of Shalimar & Nishat Garden in Kashmir ?  
(A) Babur  
(B) Akbar  
(C) Shah Jahan  
(D) Jahangir

46. Gautam Buddha's father was the Chief of which clan ?  
(A) Jnatrika  
(B) Kamboja  
(C) Lichchhavi  
(D) Shakya

47. Who constructed the Naranag Temples in Kashmir ?  
(A) Harsha  
(B) Lalitaditya  
(C) Didda  
(D) Avantivarman

48. Bhimbetka Caves were discovered by ?  
(A) V.S. Wakankar  
(B) H.D. Sankalai  
(C) Z.D. Ansari  
(D) J.P. Joshi

49. Who is the author of 'The Origin of Species' ?  
(A) Mortimer Wheeler  
(B) Robert Leakey  
(C) Charles Darwin  
(D) Ian Hodder

50. Principle of Stratigraphy was introduced in Indian Archaeology by ?  
(A) H.D. Sankalia  
(B) B.B. Lal  
(C) M. Wheeler  
(D) D.R. Sahni

51. Which absolute dating method was developed by W.F. Libby ?  
(A) T.L.Dating  
(B) K-Ar Dating  
(C) C<sup>14</sup> Dating  
(D) None of the above

52. In 1929, Dendrochronology was developed by ?  
(A) A.E. Douglas  
(B) D.P. Agrawal  
(C) L. Binford  
(D) J.D. Clark

53. A discipline of Archaeozoology studies ?  
(A) Plant remains from an archaeological site  
(B) Animal remains from an archaeological site  
(C) Mortal remains from the archaeological site  
(D) Chemical Composition of an archaeological site

54. Who discovered a large stone Hand axe from Lidder Valley of Pahalgam ?  
(A) John Marshall  
(B) W. Lawrence  
(C) A.K. Sharma  
(D) H.D. Sankalia

55. Which archaeological site among the following exhibits evidence of pit dwellings ?  
(A) Harwan  
(B) Parihaspora  
(C) Burzahom  
(D) Gufkral

56. Who excavated the archaeological site of Harwan ?  
(A) B.R. Mani  
(B) T.N. Khazanchi  
(C) S.S. Saar  
(D) R.C. Kak

57. Who among the following founded the city of Parihaspora ?  
(A) Didda  
(B) Harsha  
(C) Lalitaditya  
(D) Yasovarman

58. Kushan Period in Kashmir is distinctively known by which type of art ?  
(A) Terracotta art  
(B) Paper maiche  
(C) Cave art  
(D) None of the above

59. Which archaeological site bridges the gap between megalithic and the beginning of early historic period of Kashmir ?  
(A) Burzahom  
(B) Gufkral  
(C) Semthan  
(D) Harwan

60. In which district of the Kashmir Valley is the Sun Temple located ?  
(A) Baramulla  
(B) Pulwama  
(C) Ganderbal  
(D) Anantnag