

**PG Programme in Archaeology  
Centre of Central Asian Studies  
University of Kashmir-2026**

**PG Entrance Test Syllabus (Archaeology)  
Each unit carries 5 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
- e. Role and scope of Archaeology

**Unit-2: Geology & Geography**

- a. Geological time scale
- b. Stratigraphy
- c. Mountains
- d. Rivers
- e. Climate

**Unit-3: Natural Sciences**

- a. Fossils and fossilization
- b. Primate evolution
- c. Human evolution
- d. Human physiology
- e. Elements and compounds

**Unit-4: Sources and Chronology**

- a. Folklore, Legends & Mythology
- b. Literary Sources
- c. Archaeological Sources
- d. Chronology of cultural phases in India
- e. Travelogues

**Unit-5: Prehistoric cultures**

- a. Paleolithic
- b. Mesolithic
- c. Neolithic
- d. Megalithic
- e. Important prehistoric sites

**Unit-6: Harappan Civilization**

- a. Geographical extent
- b. Origin and Development
- c. Important Sites
- d. Town planning & Architecture
- e. Trade, economy and crafts



**Unit-7: The Vedic and Early Historic Period**

- a. The Vedic literature
- b. The Aryans
- c. Political & Social institutions
- d. Mauryan, Kushan and Guptas
- e. Early historic developments

**Unit-8: Epigraphy & Numismatics**

- a. Origin and development of scripts
- b. Brahmi and Kharoshthi scripts
- c. Ancient Indian inscriptions
- d. Ancient Indian coins
- e. Importance of Epigraphy and Numismatics

**Unit-9: Ancient Indian Art & Architecture**

- a. Origin and Development
- b. Jain & Buddhist Architecture
- c. Temple Architecture
- d. Early Artistic Developments
- e. Islamic Art & Architecture

**Unit-10: Methods in Archaeology**

- a. Exploration
- b. Excavation
- c. Sondage
- d. Surveys Methods
- e. Documentation Techniques

**Unit-11: Archaeological Science**

- a. Archaeozoology
- b. Archaeobotany
- c. Environmental Archaeology
- d. Absolute dating methods
- e. Relative dating methods

**Unit-12: Archaeology of Kashmir**

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

