

**D 121035****(Pages : 2)****Name.....****Reg. No.....****FOURTH SEMESTER M.A. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)  
EXAMINATION, APRIL 2025****(CBCSS)****History****HIS4E01—ARCHEOLOGY : THEORY AND PRACTICE****(2019 Admission onwards)****Time : Three Hours****Maximum : 30 Weightage***\* Answer can be written in English **or** Malayalam.**\* Only one language should be used throughout the answer script.***Section A (Short Answer Type)***Answer any **four** questions.*

1. What is an artifact ?
2. Explain the concept of ecofact.
3. What is three age system ?
4. What OSL ?
5. Elaborate the concept of crop mark.
6. Explain the concept of Harris Matrix.
7. What is Intaglio ?

**(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)****Section B (Short Essay/Problem Solving Type)***Answer any **four** questions.*

8. Discuss the significance of Pattanam Excavation.
9. Critically evaluate the urban developments in early Tamizhagam.
10. Discuss about Salvage archaeology in India and Egypt.

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11. Critically analyse the content of the early Tamil-Brahmi inscriptions.
12. Bring out the importance of geophysical survey.
13. What is horizontal excavation ? Elaborate.
14. Explain the characteristics of NBP Ware culture.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

**Section C (Long Essay Type)**

*Answer any **two** questions.*

15. Explain the importance of ethnoarchaeology.
16. Discuss about the archaeology of Sangam Age.
17. Discuss the various theories on the origin of Brahmi script.
18. Examine the Literary sources on Indo-Roman trade.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)