



Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	B.A(H)
Paper Title:	Archaeology: Theory and Practice
Unique Paper Code:	
Semester:	VII
Faculty:	Dr. Archana Kumari
Year:	2026

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
I	The objective of this course is to explore different varieties of archaeology and examine the theories, methods and techniques used by archaeologists to retrieve the material culture of the human past.	1	Introduction to Archaeology
		2	Definition aims and scope
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		6	Archaeological findings and their significance
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		10	Archaeological findings and their significance
II	To provide a basic introduction to different aspects of archaeology, its development as a distinct discipline and understanding of the latest methodologies in this field.	1	Development of Field Archaeology in India
		2	Development of Field Archaeology in India
		3	Development of Field Archaeology in India
		4	Development of Field Archaeology in India
		5	Development of Field Archaeology in India
		6	Exploration Techniques (Practical aspect: Exploration kit, Site form, Survey data sheet, label/labelling of antiquity and pottery)
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		8	Exploration Techniques (Practical aspect: Exploration kit, Site form, Survey data sheet, label/labelling of antiquity and pottery)
		9	Exploration Techniques (Practical aspect: Exploration kit, Site form, Survey data sheet, label/labelling of antiquity and pottery)
		10	Exploration Techniques (Practical aspect:

			Exploration kit, Site form, Survey data sheet, label/labelling of antiquity and pottery)
		11	Excavation Techniques: vertical and horizontal
		12	Excavation Techniques: vertical and horizontal
		13	Excavation Techniques: vertical and horizontal
		14	Excavation Techniques: vertical and horizontal
		15	Excavation Techniques: vertical and horizontal
		16	Excavation Techniques: vertical and horizontal
		17	Excavation Techniques: vertical and horizontal
III	It introduces students to the process of archaeological investigation from the discovery of sites to their excavation and analysis of the recovered archaeological evidences.	1	Classification of objects/findings
		2	Classification of objects/findings
		3	Classification of objects/findings
		4	Classification of objects/findings
		5	Classification of objects/findings
		6	Characteristic features of Pottery: from Neolithic to Mughal Period
		7	Characteristic features of Pottery: from Neolithic to Mughal Period
		8	Characteristic features of Pottery: from Neolithic to Mughal Period

		9	Characteristic features of Pottery: from Neolithic to Mughal Period
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		16	Characteristic features of Pottery: from Neolithic to Mughal Period
IV	This course includes training in field methods including visits to archaeological sites or museums or both.	1	Field Tour
		2	visit of museums
		3	National Museum, Delhi
		4	Art and Archaeological Museum, Department of History, DU
		5	Archaeological Museum, Old Fort Museum, Delhi
		6	Indraparastha Museum, The Indian

			Archaeological society, Delhi
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Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	Introduction to Archaeology a) Definition aims and scope b) Archaeological findings and their significance
II	Field Methods a) Development of Field Archaeology in India b) Exploration Techniques (Practical aspect: Exploration kit, Site form, Survey data sheet, label/labelling of antiquity and pottery) c) Excavation Techniques: vertical and horizontal (Practical aspect: Stratigraphy, Site d) Notebook, 3D Recording, Trench Layout, Elevation and Plan, Drawings- section, structure, pottery, antiquity; photography, label of antiquity)
III	Analysis of Archaeological Evidences a) Classification of objects/findings (Practical aspect: identification of artifacts, features and Ecofacts) b) Characteristic features of Pottery: from Neolithic to Mughal Period (Practical aspect: Identification and drawing of potteries)
IV	Field Tour a) Explorations, ongoing excavations, visit of archaeological site and historical monuments B) Identification of archaeological material through the visit of museums (National Museum, Delhi; Art and Archaeological Museum, Department of History, DU; Archaeological Museum, Old Fort Museum, Delhi; Indraparastha Museum, The Indian Archaeological society, Delhi)
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Childe, V.G. 1960. A Short Introduction to Archaeology. New York: Collier

2.	Childe, V. Gordon. 1956. Piecing Together the Past: The Interpretation of Archaeological Data. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul.
3	Pandey, J.N. 2000. Puratattva Vimarsha (in Hindi), Prachya Vidya Sansthan, Allahabad
4.	Sharer, R. J. & Ashmore, W. 1979, Fundamentals of Archaeology, The Benjamin/Cummings Publishing Company, California.
5	Raman, K.V. 1991. Principal and Methods of Archaeology. Parthanjan Pub. Madras
6	Chakrabarty, D.K., 1990, India An Archaeological History, Oxford: OUP.
7	Paddaya, K., 2011, 'Stone age technology in India', Ancient India, New Series, No. 1
8	Balme, J, and Alistair Paterson (eds). 2014, Archaeology in Practice, Willey Blackwell, UK

Paper Components			
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
	3	1	0
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment - Assignment - Class Test - Attendance	12	30
		12	
		6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) - Activity 1 - Activity 2 - Attendance	20	40
		15	
		5	
3.	Practical Continuous Assessment		NA

	• End Term Written/Practical Exam • Viva		
4.	End Semester Examination		90