

Diploma in Tamil Epigraphy

Title of the Paper	Ins Hrs / Week	Duration of Exam	Maximum marks
PAPER I: Tamil EPIGRAPHY		3	100
PAPER II -- Coins of Ancient South India		3	100
PAPER III - Principles and methods of Archeology		3	100
PAPER IV -Archeological Sources in Tamilnadu		3	100

PAPER I: Tamil EPIGRAPHY

UNIT I: Importance of Inscriptions

UNIT II: Brahmi Script – Ashokan Edicts

UNIT III: Tamil Inscriptions, Vatteluttu & Tamizh

UNIT IV: North Indian inscriptions. (Allahabad inscription of Samudragupta. Hathigumpah inscription of Kharanele)

UNIT V: South Indian Inscriptions: Pallavas -Kuramplate, cholas – Uthiramerur, Pandyas – Velvikudiplate

Suggested Readings:

Sircar, D.C. Indian Epigraphy, New Delhi, 1966. Inscriptions of Asoka, Publication Division, New Delhi.

PAPER II: Coins of Ancient South India

UNIT I: Numismatics – Origin and Importance

UNIT II: Coins of the Guptas

UNIT III: Coins of Ancient South India (Cholas, Pandyas, Vijaya Nagar)

UNIT IV: Coins of the Mughals

UNIT V: British Coins.

Reference: 1. R. Venkatraman – Indian Archacology 2. Sive Ram Murthy, C. Indian Epigraphy and South Indian Numismatics, 1948 3. Krishnamurthy ' coins ' 4. ThirugnanaSambandam Coins – Tamil coins

PAPER III: Principles and methods of Archeology

UNIT I: Alexander Cunningham – Sir John Marshal Mortimer wheeler

UNIT II: Archacological Survey of India

UNIT III: Exploration methods

UNIT IV: Excavation Methods

UNIT V: Preservation and Conservation methods in Archacology

References : Venkatraman R - Indian Archacology Raman K V - Principles and Methods of Archacology Rajan B - Principles and Methods of Archacology

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PAPER IV: Archeological Sources in Tamilnadu

UNIT I: Archacology as a source for the study of ancient Indian History

UNIT II: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic ages

UNIT III: Mesolithic and Neolithic ages


UNIT IV: Chalcolithic and Iron Age Indus Valley civilization

UNIT V: Excavations in Tamil Nadu Arikamedu, Kaveripoompattinam Adicha Nallur

Reference : 1. R.Venkatraman - Indian Archacology 2. Raman K V - Principles and Methods of Archacology


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