

SAINT CLARET COLLEGE, ZIRO

B. A. (ANTHROPOLOGY)

SYLLABUS AS PER RGU SEMESTRAL SCHEME

(Subjected to syllabus enrichment by SCCZ for Claretines)

Semester IV

BANT 404: Archeological Anthropology

Total Marks: 100 (80- End Semester and 20- Sessional)

Objectives Having studied this paper, a student will be able to:

- a. Understand the meaning, aims & scope, relevance of Archeological Anthropology and its relation with allied sciences*
- b. Trace Man's prehistoric past geologically and reconstruct prehistoric culture through the analysis and study of stone artifacts*
- c. Familiarize and differentiate the various dating methods in archaeology*
- d. Examine the prehistoric cultures of Europe and India with reference to the major known sites studied so far*
- e. Describe the features and importance of Fertile Crescent (Jericho & Jermo) in human history and origin of agriculture.*

Unit 0: Baseline Analysis: Introduction of basic concepts, Objectives and Goal Setting

Unit 1: Introduction to Archeological Anthropology – Aims, Scope and relevance. Archeology and its relation with allied subjects

Unit 2: Geological Time Scale – Pleistocene and Holocene Epochs. Reconstruction of Prehistoric Culture: Stone Age Traditions: Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic Periods. Tool Technology of Lithic Era

Unit 3: Dating methods in archeology – Relative and Absolute - Stratigraphy, Dendochronology, Fluorine Test, Radio Carbon and Potassium Argon Dating

Unit 4: Prehistory of Europe and India – Important European sites: Acheulian and Abbevillian. Indian Sites: AttiramPakkam, Sohan, Parsi Parlo and Daojali Hading

Unit 5: Fertile Crescent – Jericho and Jermo

Unit 100: Advanced Skills: Revision of concepts, Journal/Magazine review, Assignments/Projects

Recommended Readings:

Ashraf, A. A. (1990). *Prehistory of Arunachal Pradesh*. Itanagar: Directorate of Research.

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