

**SEMESTER -V**  
**ELECTIVE PAPER –I - ARCHAEOLOGY**

**Instructional Hrs : 60**

**Sub. Code: 18HIUE501**

**Max. Marks : CIA -25; ESE-75**

**Credits: 5**

**Objectives:** On successful completion of the course, the students should have understood the meaning and scope of Archaeology, methods and the contributions made by archaeologists.

**Unit – I** **12 Hrs**

Meaning and *Scope of Archaeology* - Exploration - Methods of Excavation - Stratigraphy – Dating Methods.

**Unit – II** **12 Hrs**

Palaeolithic period – Mesolithic period - Neolithic period - *Chalcolithic period* - Harappan Culture.

**Unit – III** **12 Hrs**

Megalithic Culture of South India - Importance of Pottery – **Important Archaeological Sites: Kodumanal, Arikamedu and Poompugar.**

**Unit – IV** **12 Hrs**

Study of Scripts: Brahmi script – Vatteluthu- Epigraphical study with special reference to Uttaramerur inscription- *Hero stones* - Gupta coins – South Indian Coins – **Temple Architectural Style.**

**Unit V** **12 Hrs**

Contributions of Robert Bruce Foote - *James Princep* - Alexander Cunningham - Sir John Marshall - Sir Mortimer Wheeler- *Recent trends in Archaeology.*

**Note :Italics denotes Self Study Topics**

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1. **Rajan, K.** *Principles and Methods of Archaeology*, Manoo Pathippagam, Tanjavore, 2002.
2. **Raman, K.V.** *Principles and Methods of Archaeology*, Parthajan Publication, Chennai, 1998.
3. **Sankalia.H.D** *Aspects of Indian History and Archaeology*, B.R.Publishing Corporation, New Delhi, 1977.
4. **Sharma, R.K.** (ed) *Indian Archaeology New Perspectives*, Agamkalaprakasham, Delhi 1982.
5. **Venkatraman, R.** *Indian Archaeology - A survey*, Ajantha Achagam, Vadippatti, 1985.