



General Certificate of Education  
Advanced Subsidiary Examination  
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## Archaeology

## ARCH1

Unit 1 The Archaeology of Religion and Ritual

Monday 18 January 2010 9.00 am to 10.15 am

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-page answer book.

### Time allowed

- 1 hour 15 minutes

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is ARCH1.
- Answer **four** questions.  
Answer the question in Section A, **one** question from Section B and **two** questions from Section C.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

### Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

### Advice

- You are advised to spend about 40 minutes answering Section C.

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**SECTION A: THE TERMINOLOGY OF RELIGION AND RITUAL**

Answer **all** parts of the question.

Your archaeological examples may be drawn from one or more periods.

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**1** Giving at least **one** archaeological example for each term, explain what is meant by the following:

(a) symbolism *(5 marks)*

(b) liminal *(5 marks)*

(c) shamanism. *(5 marks)*

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**SECTION B: RELIGION AND RITUAL OF PRESCRIBED SITES**

Answer **one** question from this section.

Choose one of the following periods and its associated site and use your own knowledge and understanding of this site. You must focus on the religious and ritual aspects of the site that you choose.

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**2 Prehistoric Europe 30 000 BC to AD 43**

In the context of religion and ritual, explain the significance of Lascaux Cave. *(15 marks)*

**3 Ancient Egypt 3000 BC to 50 BC**

In the context of religion and ritual, explain the significance of the Great Pyramid at Giza. *(15 marks)*

**4 Roman Europe 753 BC to AD 410**

In the context of religion and ritual, explain the significance of the Temple of Vesta in Rome. *(15 marks)*

**Turn over for the next question**

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**SECTION C: RELIGION AND RITUAL IN CULTURAL CONTEXT**

Answer any **two** questions, either from the same culture or from two different ones.

In answering the questions you should make reference to archaeological sites and evidence.

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**Prehistoric Europe 30 000 BC to AD 43**

- 5 Explain the various theories concerning the ritual functions of causewayed enclosures. *(15 marks)*
- 6 What were henges for? *(15 marks)*
- 7 What kinds of grave goods were deposited during a period of prehistory that you have studied, and why? *(15 marks)*
- 8 What do we know about the role of Druids in prehistoric religion? *(15 marks)*

**Ancient Egypt 3000 BC to 50 BC**

- 9 What is the nature of the evidence for local cults in Ancient Egypt? *(15 marks)*
- 10 Explain the principal elements of the Beautiful Festival of the Valley (Heb nefer en Inet). *(15 marks)*
- 11 What kinds of evidence would archaeologists accept for the practice of ancestor worship? *(15 marks)*
- 12 Why was the goddess Ma'at so important to the ancient Egyptians? *(15 marks)*

**Roman Europe 753 BC to AD 410**

- 13 Explain the nature and purposes of Roman curse tablets. *(15 marks)*
- 14 What is the physical evidence for Mithraism? *(15 marks)*
- 15 Explain the range of symbolism used by early Christians in Roman Europe. *(15 marks)*
- 16 What is the evidence for the survival of pre-Roman religion into Roman Britain? *(15 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**