



General Certificate of Education
Advanced Subsidiary Examination
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Archaeology

ARCH2

Unit 2 Archaeological Skills and Methods

Friday 28 May 2010 1.30 pm to 3.15 pm

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book
- a Sources Booklet (enclosed).

Time allowed

- 1 hour 45 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do **not** use pencil or gel pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is ARCH2.
- Answer **eight** questions.
Answer **all** of the questions in **Section A** and **one** question from **Section B**.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- Sources for use in answering the questions in Section A are printed in a separate Sources Booklet.
- Quality of Written Communication (QWC) will be assessed in Section B of this paper.
- In answering the questions in Section A, you must clearly demonstrate that you have used or drawn upon all the sources to which you are specifically directed. You must also use your own knowledge and understanding as appropriate to each question.
- You may use a magnifying glass to assist interpretation of figures.

Section A

Read the Introduction and study the figures in the Sources Booklet.

Then answer **all** questions in this section.

Question 1

0 1 Study the **Introduction** and use your own knowledge.

Which desk-top sources could the archaeologists have consulted prior to carrying out fieldwork at Town Farm Quarry, and why? *(6 marks)*

Question 2

0 2 Study the **Introduction, Figure 1, Figure 2(a), Figure 2(b), Figure 3** and **Figure 4** and use your own knowledge.

Which geophysical survey techniques are most likely to have revealed the features illustrated, and why? *(10 marks)*

Question 3

0 3 Study **Figure 4** and **Figure 5** and use your own knowledge.

How might the archaeologists overcome the challenges faced when excavating and recording these wooden features? *(12 marks)*

Question 4

0 4 Study **Figure 1, Figure 4** and **Figure 5** and use your own knowledge.

Describe and explain the processes by which archaeologists could have extracted environmental evidence from this site. *(8 marks)*

Question 5

0 5 Study **Figure 3** and use your own knowledge.

Outline the sequence of events in feature 658. *(6 marks)*

Question 6

0 6 Study **Figure 4** and **Figure 6** and use your own knowledge.

What information, other than dates, can archaeologists derive from the study of artefacts such as those illustrated? *(8 marks)*

Question 7

0 7 Study **Figure 7** and use your own knowledge.

What did the archaeologists do to arrive at the information shown? *(10 marks)*

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

You must use case studies, which may include Town Farm Quarry, to illustrate your answer.

Question 8

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Describe and explain the various on-site and off-site conservation techniques that can be used on organic remains. *(30 marks)*

Question 9

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Outline the information that archaeologists could derive from the analysis of micro-floral and micro-faunal evidence. *(30 marks)*

Question 10

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Describe and explain how archaeologists organise and carry out the recovery of finds from the surface of fields. *(30 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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