

AS ARCHAEOLOGY

Unit 2 Archaeological Skills and Methods

Monday 23 May 2016 Afternoon Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

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

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is ARCH2.
- Answer **eight** questions:
 - answer all of the questions in Section A
 - answer one question from Section B.
- 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 90.
- Sources for use in answering the questions in Section A are printed in a separate Sources Booklet.
- 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.
- Quality of Written Communication (QWC) will be assessed in Section B of this paper.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Section A

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

In each question you must clearly demonstrate that you have used or drawn upon the figures you are specifically directed to.

Answer **all** the questions in this section.

Question 1

0 | 1 Study **Figure 1** and use your own knowledge.

Outline the advantages and disadvantages of the excavation method shown.

[8 marks]

Question 2

0 | 2 Study **Figure 2** and use your own knowledge.

Outline the advantages and disadvantages of excavating a site such as this.

[10 marks]

Question 3

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

Identify and explain parts A, B and C.

[6 marks]

Question 4

0 | 4 Study the **introduction** and **Figure 4** and use your own knowledge.

Describe and explain the main changes in vegetation during the Mesolithic period.

[8 marks]

Question 5

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

Explain how archaeologists could study artefacts such as this.

[8 marks]

Question 6

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

Explain how archaeologists could have obtained the information to create a diagram such as this.

[12 marks]

Question 7

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

Explain how archaeologists could create a reconstruction drawing from this plan, and from the artefacts and ecofacts which might have been recovered from this site.

[8 marks]

Turn over for the next section

Section B

Answer **one** question from this section.

You must use case studies, which may include Doggerland if appropriate,
to illustrate your answer.

Question 8

0 8 Outline the information that archaeologists can find out from documentary sources.
[30 marks]

Question 9

0 9 Outline the information that archaeologists can find out from aerial survey.
[30 marks]

Question 10

1 0 Outline the ways in which transformation processes affect the archaeological record.
[30 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS