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SEMESTER 1 EXAMINATIONS 2001
ARCHAEOLOGY

AR 221
EUROPE IN THE AGE OF METAL

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Time allowed: three hours
ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS

1. Discuss the evidence for the first copper metallurgy in the Balkans. Do we see indications of craft specialization in these Copper Age societies?

Or

Describe the mortuary practice at Varna and examine the implications of this cemetery for our understanding of Copper Age society on the Black Sea coast.

2. Examine the Millaran culture in southern Spain, with particular reference to the settlement and tombs of Los Millares.

Or

Treat generally of the Argaric culture of the Early Bronze Age.

3. Trace the emergence and role of Beaker pottery in the Copper Age societies of Portugal.

4. Discuss the influence of the Mycenaean culture on the development of the European Bronze Age.

5. A central theme of the European Bronze Age is the 'Rise of the Privileged'. Discuss this statement with reference to the rich burials of the Únětice and Wessex cultures.

6. What do the burials of the 'Mound People' tell us about society in Bronze Age Denmark?