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**SEMESTER 1 EXAMINATIONS 2005-2006
ARCHAEOLOGY**

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Hunters and Farmers in Early Europe.

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Time allowed: three hours
ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS

1. Write a general account of the archaeological record in the Upper Palaeolithic. Address some of the contrasts with the material culture of the previous period.
- 2a. Describe the evidence for, and the different interpretations of, the seasonal use and role of the Early Mesolithic site of Star Carr.
- Or**
- 2b. Write a general account of the subsistence pattern and seasonality of the Late Mesolithic sites on Oronsay.
3. Discuss how the evidence from Mount Sandel and Ferriter's Cove has been used to interpret the subsistence strategies of the Early and Late Mesolithic in Ireland respectively.
4. Discuss the significance of Mesolithic cemeteries, with reference to social organization, subsistence and settlement patterns. Cite more than one example.
5. Write an account of the settlement at Lepenski Vir, with reference to location, layout and ritual patterns.
6. Discuss the characteristics of the Ertebölle Culture.

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- 7a. What are the characteristic features of the Linear Pottery Culture (LBK). Discuss with reference to settlement pattern, distribution and role in the introduction of farming.

Or

- 7b. Discuss the inception of a farming economy in Europe, with reference to the different types of introduction that have been suggested for different areas. Give examples.

- 8a. Discuss the concept of the 'Neolithic', and the different meanings that have been given to the term.

Or

- 8b. Describe the similarities and differences between two or more of the 'megalithic areas' of Scandinavia, Ireland, British Isles and Brittany, with reference to aspects such as complexity, distribution, art and ritual. Give specific examples.