

ARCHAEOLOGY 291

Senior Tutorial I

Final Examination

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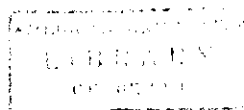
Time: TWO hours

(Prof. H. Seeden)

I

"Archaeological evidence can be used systematically to provide insights into the ways of thinking of cultures and civilizations long dead."
(Renfrew, C. 1991. *Archaeology: Theories, Methods and Practice*: p. 370)

Discuss this statement by giving examples of how "cognitive archaeology" investigates past ways of thought from material remains.



II

Ian Hodder investigates *Symbols in Action* to discover the function, meaning and 'power' of particular aspects of material culture in human societies.

Contextual information is essential in order to understand the meaning of any symbol. How does Ian Hodder's work demonstrate this fact?

The material culture remains you chose to study and interpret this semester would have profited from a more rigorous method of research and interpretation. Could Hodder's demonstrations help you to look at your material more critically?