SUMMER EXAMINATIONS 2005

Subject ARCHAEOLOGY

Title of Paper AR3001 THE ORIGINS OF MODERN HUMANS

Time Allowed TWO HOURS

Instructions to candidates

Candidates should answer TWO questions. Support your answers with specific examples and case studies as appropriate.

1. 'The ‘multiregional’ or ‘regional continuity’ model of modern human origins has been conclusively disproved.' Discuss with reference to evidence and new theoretical approaches that have emerged over the last thirty years.

2. Why has the Aurignacian been seen as the earliest modern human industry in Europe and what might be the problems associated with this view?


4. What contribution have DNA sequencing studies made to our understanding of modern human origins? What are the problems associated with such studies?

5. 'All members of the species Homo sapiens are modern human beings, and all modern human beings are members of the species Homo sapiens.' Discuss with examples.

6. Discuss the significance of the Saint-Césaire Neanderthal for our understanding of modern human origins in Europe.

7. How different are Late Middle and Early Upper Palaeolithic settlement strategies in EITHER Europe OR the Levant? Discuss with examples.

8. Why has hunting historically been seen by many archaeologists as the defining human activity?