

**(1) Discuss the history of Benin (Edo) culture and tradition.**

**ANS**

Benin is at present located in Edo of the south-south geo-political zone of Nigeria. The first scientific excavation was carried by Graham Connah between 1961-1964. Connah's investigation revealed 19 curatians at Benin museum site. He discovered skeletal remains and five cowry shells of some of the excavation pits. Two of them contained fragments of edged-laid potsherd pavement. Connah also recovered a charcoal sample from one of the pits, which he dated A.D 1340.

During the British conquest of Benin in 1897, Benin artworks were looted by the British troops. Those artworks were later found in the British, European and American museums. The main occupations of the Benin were farming, carving, goldsmithing, and weaving.

**(2) Discuss the history and tradition of Igbo Ukwu.**

**ANS**

Igbo ukwu is located in Anambra state of the south-east geopolitical zone of Nigeria. Thurstan Shaw, an archiologist, conducted arch an archaeological excavation it's three sites in igbo ukwu between 1959 and 1964. They are:

- **Igbo Isaiah:** it was a storehouse of regalia. In the first site, Shaw found bronze objects of various shapes and sizes. They included bronze shells, bronze chain, decorated anklets and bracelets, large quantity of beads, and other ornaments.
- **Igbo Richard:** it was a burial chamber or shrine and cistern. The site contained a bronze leopard skull set of copper rod, a bronze hilt made of a horse and three ivory tusks. A burial chamber was discovered at this site.
- **Igbo Jonah:** it was a pit. In this site, ornamental pots were discovered. The pots were decorated with deep small balls of clay. Other bronze objects discovered in this site included bells, ornaments, chains, wristlets, and iron blades.

The sites excavated at igbo-ukwu were dated to the middle of this 9<sup>th</sup> century A.D. The people of igbo-ukwu were farmers, traders and Craftsmen. The excavations led to dispersal of igbo-ukwu finds to five museum centres, namely:

- I. National Museum, Lagos
- II. National Museum, Kaduna
- III. National Museum, Jos
- IV. University of Ibadan museum, Ibadan
- V. Museum of Mankind in London.

**(3) Write significances of Benin culture and tradition**

**ANS**

- Benin culture shows it's high level of artistic sophistication
- Benin produce great sculptors, such as culvers and brass workers
- Benin artworks, scattered all over the world, have made Benin and Nigeria to become famous for high level of artistic expressions
- Benin culture revealed that Benin had been inhabited since the late Stone Age

**(4) Write about the people and occupational activities of Igbo Ukwu people.**

**ANS**

The igbo-ukwu people did this following occopations

- Farming
- Trading
- Crafting

**(5) What are the similarities between the Ile-Ife people, Benin people and Igbo Ukwu people and tradition?**

**ANS**

- These three tribes had artworks that brought fame to their land
- These three tribes are from the South