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Q4(b)

Discuss the Acheulian and Oldowan traditions of Indian Paleolithic cultures with suitable illustrations.

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(i) Paleolithic

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Robert Bruce Foote

His 1863 Pallavaram handaxe discovery established scientific study of India's Palaeolithic record.

Attirampakkam

A stratified Tamil Nadu site where Acheulian occupation has been dated to roughly 1.5 million years ago.

Isampur

A Karnataka limestone quarry-workshop preserving extraction, blank production and Acheulian tool manufacture in one landscape.

Large Flake Acheulian

Many Indian handaxes and especially cleavers were shaped on large detached flakes rather than only on whole cobbles.

Hominin limit

No securely associated skeleton names the makers of India's earliest Acheulian; *Homo erectus* is a plausible broad attribution, not a direct identification.

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