# A Journey Through Indian Architecture

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 37 minutes

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Write full answers in Sections B and C. Answers are on the last page — try every question first!

## Section A — Choose the correct answer — 8 × 1 = 8 marks

**1.** The Taj Mahal at Agra was built by:
**(a)** Humayun **(b)** Babur **(c)** Akbar **(d)** Shah Jahan

**2.** What is a granary?
**(a)** a building for storing grain **(b)** a garden in four parts
**(c)** a memorial where no one is buried **(d)** a dome-shaped pavilion

**3.** Where would you find Mohenjo-daro?
**(a)** Jodhpur **(b)** Chennai
**(c)** Patan **(d)** the Indus plain

**4.** What is the Taj Mahal mainly built of, according to the book?
**(a)** steel and glass **(b)** local stone
**(c)** white marble **(d)** red sandstone from Dholpur

**5.** Who built or commissioned the Taj Mahal?
**(a)** Rana Kumbha **(b)** Sawai Jai Singh II
**(c)** the Bundela rulers **(d)** Shah Jahan

**6.** Work on the Taj Mahal began in 1632; the Madras High Court was completed in 1892. How many years apart were these?
**(a)** 257 years **(b)** 260 years **(c)** 261 years **(d)** 270 years

**7.** Suppose a fort tower is 30 m tall. How many storeys of 5 m each is that?
**(a)** 6 storeys **(b)** 25 storeys **(c)** 11 storeys **(d)** 150 storeys

**8.** A charbagh garden is a square 74 m on each side, divided into four equal square parts. What is the area of each part?
**(a)** 2,738 square m **(b)** 148 square m **(c)** 5,476 square m **(d)** 1,369 square m

## Section B — Short answer — 8 × 2 = 16 marks

**9.** What is architecture?

**10.** Explain each term: (a) cenotaph (b) torana

**11.** Where is each? (a) the Gateway of India (b) the Mysuru Palace

**12.** Who built or commissioned (a) Orchha's palaces (b) Kumbhalgarh Fort?

**13.** Which came first, and by how many years? (a) Jaipur was planned (1727) (b) the Madras High Court was completed (1892)

**14.** Humayun's Tomb was commissioned in 1558. How many years before 2058 was that? What kind of garden surrounds it?

**15.** Name the main material of each: (a) many traditional houses of the Northeast (b) most Harappan cities

**16.** Suppose 5,500 workers built a courtyard that holds 49,500 people. How many people of courtyard space is that per worker?

## Section C — Longer answers — 4 × 4 = 16 marks

**17.** Describe the town planning of Mohenjo-daro.

**18.** Match each with its meaning: (a) jharokha (b) cenotaph (c) mausoleum. Choose from: a memorial where no one is buried; a grand building holding a tomb; an overhanging balcony.

**19.** (a) Put these in order, earliest first: Jaipur was planned (1727); the Madras High Court was completed (1892); work on the Taj Mahal began (1632). (b) How many years from the first to the last? (c) Describe one of these buildings in a sentence.

**20.** Describe Kumbhalgarh Fort (built by Rana Kumbha) and the Taj Mahal (built by Shah Jahan): what kind of building is each, and name one feature of its style.

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# Answer key

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| Q | Answer | Working |
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| 1 | (d) Shah Jahan | — |
| 2 | (a) a building for storing grain | — |
| 3 | (d) the Indus plain | — |
| 4 | (c) white marble | — |
| 5 | (d) Shah Jahan | — |
| 6 | (b) 260 years | 1892 − 1632 = 260 |
| 7 | (a) 6 storeys | 30 ÷ 5 |
| 8 | (d) 1,369 square m | 74 ÷ 2 = 37; 37 × 37 |
| 9 | The art and technique of designing and building, combining usefulness and beauty. | — |
| 10 | (a) a memorial where no one is buried (b) a carved gateway | — |
| 11 | (a) Mumbai (b) Mysuru | — |
| 12 | (a) the Bundela rulers (b) Rana Kumbha | — |
| 13 | Jaipur was planned, by 165 years | 1892 − 1727 |
| 14 | 500 years; a charbagh (a garden in four parts) | 2058 − 1558 |
| 15 | (a) bamboo and wood (b) clay bricks | — |
| 16 | 9 people per worker | 49,500 ÷ 5,500 |
| 17 | Wide streets and lanes roughly followed the directions, almost every house had a bathing area, and a drain network carried used water out of the city. | — |
| 18 | (a) an overhanging balcony (b) a memorial where no one is buried (c) a grand building holding a tomb | — |
| 19 | (a) work on the Taj Mahal began; Jaipur was planned; the Madras High Court was completed (b) 260 years (c) Answers will vary; see the chapter. | — |
| 20 | Kumbhalgarh Fort and the Taj Mahal: answers should name the type (fort, tomb, palace or city) and a feature | — |

| Q | Answer | Working |
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| | **such as a dome, jharokha, chhatri, bastion or charbagh.** | |



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