

Topic - Architectural Heritage of India

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Good Morning Students,

Today we are going to set our focus on the topic - "Architectural Heritage of India", Chapter-10 starting on page number-60 of your textbook titled - "Excursions-3" and is being submitted to you on 20.03.2020. All the students may kindly open page number-60 of your textbook and be ready with your Social Studies notebooks for writing the answers of the questions, which will be asked during the short breaks. So, Dear students kindly pay attention as I am going to explain the topic.

WHAT IS ARCHITECTURE :-

Architecture is the art or practice of designing and constructing buildings.

HERITAGE :- The term 'heritage' refers to something that can be considered important enough to be passed on to future generations, something that can be conserved and has some historic or cultural value. So different languages, religions, customs, dances, music, paintings, food types, buildings and

monuments are together called as the Heritage of India.

TYPES OF HERITAGE :- Heritage can be divided into three types :-

1) MATERIAL HERITAGE

2) NON-MATERIAL HERITAGE

3) NATURAL HERITAGE

In this chapter we will learn about the Material Heritage of India.

IMPORTANT MONUMENTS IN INDIA :-

Our ancestors built many beautiful buildings called monuments. Our country has many beautiful monuments. Let us learn about some of them. For example :-

Taj Mahal, Red Fort, Sanchi Stupa, Dilwara Temples, Meenakshi Temple, Konark Sun Temple, Rashtrapati Bhawan, Qutub Minar, Jama Masjid, Golden Temple etc.

So, now students we will revise what we have learnt till now. I will read out the questions and you may pause the lesson for 3-minutes and try to write the answers in your S.St. notebooks.

- 1) Define architecture, monuments and Heritage.
- 2) Write the three types of Heritage.
- 3) Give some examples of Material Heritage.

Let us discuss the answers now:-

1 Ans:-

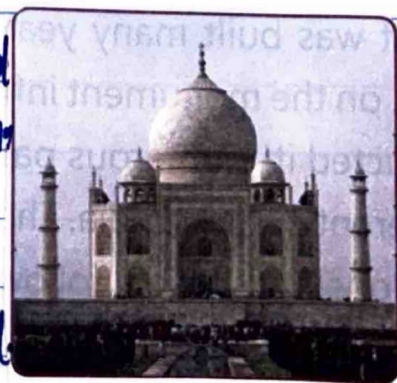
- 1) **Architecture**:- The art of making buildings is called architecture.
- 2) **Monuments**:- Monuments are the beautiful buildings built by our ancestors.
- 3) **Heritage**:- Heritage is the full range of our traditions, monuments, objects and culture.

Some examples of

Ans-2 :- Material Heritage are buildings, coins, paintings, books, clothes etc.

Let us proceed further:-

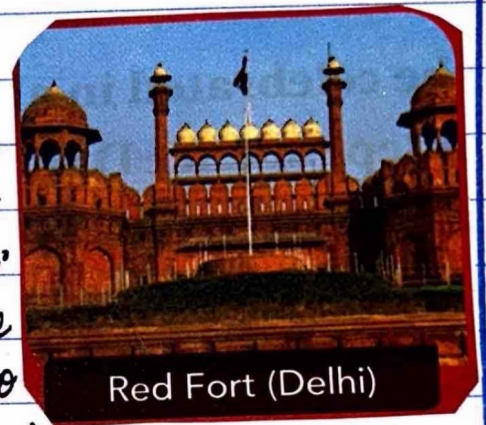
1) **THE TAJ MAHAL**:- The Taj Mahal in Agra was built by Shah Jahan. It is a beautiful tomb built by the Mughal Emperor in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal.



There is a beautiful frontal garden with fountains and channels. The whole structure was built in white Marble. It is a UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE. It is also considered one of the seven wonders of the world.

2) THE RED FORT :-

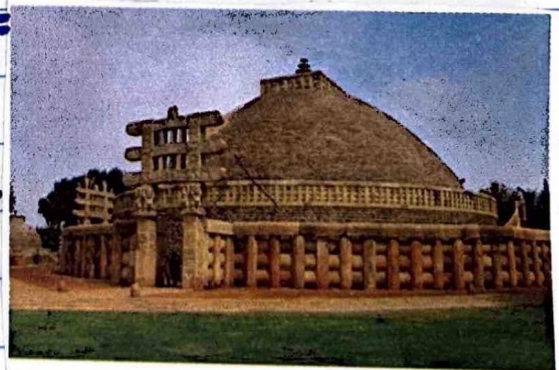
The Red Fort or the Lal Qila was built by Shah Jahan and it took ten years to complete. The main gate of the fort is the Lahore Gate which is called so since it faces Lahore. It is in Delhi. The Red Fort was built with red sandstone. Every year the Prime Minister of India hoists the national flag and addresses the nation from here. In 2007, it was declared a UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE.



Red Fort (Delhi)

3) THE SANCHI STUPA :-

It is a splendid monument built by King Ashoka in Madhya Pradesh with stone over 2,000 years ago. It is a sacred place for Buddhists. The four gateways in four directions are adorned with beautiful images.



Sanchi Stupa

4. THE DILWARA TEMPLES :-



Dilwara Temples

The Dilwara Temples near Mount Abu in Rajasthan are a sacred place for Jains. These temples are built of white marble with beautiful carvings on the pillars, ceiling and panels.

5. THE MEENAKSHI TEMPLE :-



It is located in Madurai in Tamil Nadu. Its four gateway towers are called Gopurams, are decorated with sculptures of gods, animals and legendary creatures. The large temple complex has large pillared halls.

6. KONARAK SUN TEMPLE :-

It is in Odisha and is shaped like a chariot. It has 24 wheels and 7 horses, believed to represent seven days and 24 hours of the day.



Students that's all for today. Please read the given assignment carefully.
Thank you.

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