

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Buildings, Paintings and Books

Q1. Highlight the chief features of stupa architecture.

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Q2. What are main features of the Hindu temples built around 1800 years ago?

Ans. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Buildings, Paintings and Books

Q1. Highlight the chief features of stupa architecture.

Ans. Features of stupa architecture

- i. Generally, there is a small box placed at the centre or heart of the stupa. This may contain bodily remains of the Buddha or his followers, or things they used, as well as precious stones, and coins.
- ii. Often, a path, known as the pradakshina patha, was laid around the stupa. This was surrounded with railings.
- iii. Entrance to the path was through gateways.
- iv. Both railings and gateways were often decorated with sculpture.

Q2. What are main features of the Hindu temples built around 1800 years ago?

Ans. Main features of the Hindu temples

- i. Deities such as Vishnu, Shiva, and Durga were worshipped in these shrines. The most important part of the temple was the room known as the garbhagriha, where the image of the chief deity was placed.
- ii. It was here that priests performed religious rituals, and devotees offered worship to the deity.
- iii. Often, as at Bhitargaon, a tower, known as the shikhara, was built on top of the garbhagriha, to mark this out as a sacred place.
- iv. Most temples also had a space known as the mandapa. It was a hall where people could assemble.