

NCERT SOLUTIONS

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Chapter Name : Rulers And Buildings

Q1 How is the “trabeate” principle of architecture different from the “arcuate”?

Answer. In the 'trabeate' style of architecture a horizontal beam was placed across two vertical columns. In the 'arcuate' style arches are utilized.

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Q2 What is a shikhara?

Answer. A shikhara is a tower-like structure on top of a temple.

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Q3 What is pietra-dura?

Answer. Pietra-Dura is a technique where coloured, hard stones were placed in depressions carved into marble or sandstone, thereby creating beautiful and ornate patterns.

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Q4 What are the elements of a Mughal chahar bagh garden?

Answer. The major element of a Mughal Chahar-Bagh garden was the symmetric division of the garden into quarters.

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Q5 How did a temple communicate the importance of a king?

Answer. Construction of a temple emphasized the king's moral right to rule. Constructing places of worship provided rulers with a chance to proclaim their close relationship with god.

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Q6 An inscription in Shah Jahan's diwan-i khas in Delhi stated: "If there is Paradise on Earth, it is here, it is here, it is here." How was this image created?

Answer. The image of Paradise on Earth was created through the construction of audience halls, which were modelled like a mosque. The pedestal of Shah Jahan's throne was frequently described as the Quibla, the direction which Muslims face while praying. These architectural features communicated a sense of divine justice and the idea that the king was the representative of God on earth.

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Q7 How did the Mughal court suggest that everyone – the rich and the poor, the powerful and the weak – received justice equally from the emperor?

Answer. The construction of the royal court in Red Fort emphasized the connection between the imperial court and royal justice. Behind the emperor's throne were a series of inlays which pictured Orpheus playing the lute. It was believed that Orpheus' music calmed ferocious beasts and made them co-exist in harmony. All this gave the impression that the king's justice would treat the high and the low as equals, creating a world in which all could live in harmony.

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Q8 What role did the Yamuna play in the layout of the new Mughal city at Shahjahanabad?

Answer. In the new Mughal city of Shahjahanabad, the king's palace commanded the river front via of the Yamuna. Only special nobles like the emperor's oldest son were given access to the river.

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Q9 The rich and powerful construct large houses today. In what ways were the constructions of kings and their courtiers different in the past?

Answer. The rich and powerful construct large houses today. But these houses are not the same as those of the kings and their courtiers in the past. The houses of the kings and their courtiers were big structures with big courtyard, thick walls, domed-roofs, huge pillars, big gardens and well-decorated halls. But today houses have no courtyards nbr

gardens nor thick walls nor domed-roofs. In many ways these are inferior to those of the kings and their courtiers houses.

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Q10 Look at Figure 4. How could that building be constructed faster today?

Answer. Such buildings were usually constructed as a matter of pride in old days. It was very difficult to construct them but they were made possible with the help of skilled masons and labourers. Such buildings took a very long time and a number of labourers to be constructed. But now as technologies have advanced, we have many facilities, equipments, tools which can construct huge buildings very easily and in less time.

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Q11 Find out whether there is a statue of or a memorial to a great person in your village or town. Why was it placed there? What purpose does it serve?

Answer. Sample Answer:

There is a very busy chowk in my village. We find there a statue of Subhash Chandra Bose and hence this chowk is known as Subhash Chowk. Subhash Chandra Bose was such a great person that he dared to challenge the British empire by forming his own army. He is now no more but his statue is there to inspire us. Its purpose is to encourage the youth to do something different and challenging.

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Q12 Visit and describe any park or garden in your neighbourhood. In what ways is it similar to or different from the gardens of the Mughals?

Answer. The gardens of Mughals gardens were spread over a very large area. There were a large variety of flowers. They were well-decorated and protected. But the garden in my neighbourhood is not so large. Everyone has easy access to this garden. So the flowers are not safe. Thus, we don't find any similarity.

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