

Ans) b

Exp) Option b is correct.

Statement 1 is incorrect: A step well tank called Suraj Kund is a part of the **Sun Temple at Modhera** in **Gujarat**. It was built by Raja Bhimdev I of Solanki dynasty in 1026.

Statement 2 is correct: Chandela rulers developed a distinct style of temple making known as Khajuraho school or Chandel school. One of the important features of this **style of temple making was both the interior and exterior walls were lavishly decorated with carvings.**

Statement 3 is correct: Early temples in Bengal had shikharas like temples in Odisha. However later temples had a characteristic feature of a sloping or curving roof, like the downturned side of a wagon or **Bengali Hut**. This feature came to be known as the “Bangla Roof” and was later used in Mughal architecture as well.

Source: Class 11th NCERT, Fine Arts, Ch-6

Q.11) With reference to miniature paintings of South India, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. Tanjore Paintings used muted, soft colours.
2. Mysore paintings had a shiny background due to the use of ‘gesso paste’.

Select the correct option using the code given below:

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

Ans) b

Exp) Option b is correct.

Statement 1 is incorrect: **Tanjore Paintings** used **bright colours** with liberal use of gold leaf, whereas, Mysore Paintings had muted, soft colour palette.

Other features of Tanjore paintings -

- 1) Tanjore Paintings were created on glass and board.
- 2) Tanjore Paintings used gemstones and cut glasses for decorations.
- 3) Smiling Krishna in various life events was the main theme of Tanjore Paintings.

Statement 2 is correct: **Mysore Paintings** were famous for the shiny background that was created using **gesso paste (mixture of zinc oxide and Arabic gum).**

Other features of Mysore paintings -

- 1) Hindu Gods and Goddesses were the main themes of Mysore Paintings.
- 2) Mysore Paintings had 2 or more figures in each painting, with 1 figure dominating in size and colour.

Source: Art & Culture by Nitin Singhania, Ch-2

Q.12) ‘e-SANTA’ was recently seen in news, is related to which of the following?

- a) It is a platform for sugarcane bidding online from different parts of the country.
- b) Is it an electronic platform which connect aqua farmers and buyers.
- c) It is an online grievance redressal platform for farmers who sell their products on e-NAM portal.