

## 8. History, Art and Culture

1) Which of the following sites of Indus Valley Civilization are located in India?

1. Mohenjo-Daro
2. Rakhigarhi
3. Ganweriwala
4. Dholavira

Select the correct answer code:

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 2, 4
- c) 2, 3, 4
- d) 1, 2, 4

Solution: b)

Five urban sites — Mohenjo-Daro, Harappa, Ganweriwala (now in Pakistan)

**Rakhigarhi and Dholavira (India)** — have been identified as centres of the Civilisation.

[Source](#)

2) Consider the following statements regarding Taj Mahal.

1. The Taj Mahal was built during 18<sup>th</sup> Century and incorporates characteristics of Indo-Islamic and Timurid architecture.
2. It is seen as a natural progression of Mughal architecture from older monuments such as Humayun's Tomb in Delhi.
3. The pietra dura method was used on a large scale in the Taj Mahal.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2, 3
- b) 3 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 3

Solution: c)

**The Taj Mahal incorporates characteristics of Indo-Islamic and Timurid architecture**, and is often seen as a **natural progression of Mughal architecture from older monuments such as Humayun's Tomb in Delhi.**

**It was built between 1632 and 1648** on the orders of the Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan.

Floral designs made of semi-precious stones on the walls, this type of decoration was called pietra dura.

This method became more popular during the reign of Shah Jahan. **The pietra dura method was used on a large scale in the Taj Mahal by Shah Jahan.**

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3) Consider the following statements.

1. The dates when humans entered the Iron Age vary from one region of the world to another.
2. Iron Age was preceded by the Stone Age and the Bronze Age.
3. Iron is known to have been used extensively in the Indus Valley Civilization.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- a) 1, 2
- b) 2 only
- c) 2, 3
- d) 1, 3