

INSIGHTSIAS IPM / YLM TEST SERIES - 2021

Mains Test 1: GS – 1: Art & Culture, Indian Society - Synopsis

Art and Culture

- 1. Contributions of the Guptas in enriching the Indian art and architecture are immense. Comment (10 marks)**

Keywords/ demands	Gupta art, Gupta architecture
Introduction	Brief introduction about Gupta period, if possible give the timeline
Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give subheadings as art and architecture. Include literature, numismatics, sculpture, paintings. • Validate answers with examples. • Indian map/ sketches relevant to question will fetch you more marks.
Conclusion	Conclude how Gupta art and architecture is relevant for even today.

• **Introduction**

- The period between the 4th century and 6th century AD is known as the Golden Age of India because of the larger achievements Indians made in the fields of mathematics, astronomy, sculpting and painting during the Gupta Empire.

• **Body**

Guptas contribution to art

- **Numismatics:** The Gupta gold coin is known as **dinaras**. The gold coins of the Gupta rulers are the extraordinary examples of **artistic excellence**. The coins depicted the ruling monarch on the obverse and carried legends with the figure of a goddess on the reverse. Gupta introduced **silver coins** on model of **Kushanas**.
- **Literature:** Prominent literary figures and their works during these times are Kalidasa's Ritusamhara, Meghaduta, Abhignana Shakuntalam, Vishakadatta's Devichandraguptam, Vajja's Kaumudimahotavasam, Sudraka's Mrichakatkam, Vishnusharma's PanchaTantra, Amarakosha's Amarasimha.
- **Sculptures:** stone and metal sculptures of various schools developed during this time.