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First Semester B.Arch. Degree Examination, June/July 2026

History of Architecture - I

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 100

- Note:** 1. Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing ONE full question from each module.
2. Draw relevant Sketches whenever required and draw labelled sketches, section if asked in the questions.

Module-1

- 1 a. Describe a Megalithic Architecture and its significance. (10 Marks)
b. Explain and illustrate the settlement patterns and housing typology Catalhoyuk. (10 Marks)

OR

- 2 a. Explain with neat sketches the Architectural features of Stonehenge. (20 Marks)

Module-2

- 3 a. Discuss the Town Planning principles and Drainage Systems of Harappan Civilization. (08 Marks)
b. Sketch and describe the Citadel complex at Mohenjo-Daro. (12 Marks)

OR

- 4 a. Why is Mesopotamian Architecture considered the precursor of Monumental Construction? Explain in short. (08 Marks)
b. Explain the Architectural significance of Ziggurat of Ur. (12 Marks)

Module-3

- 5 a. Explain the characteristic features of traditional Chinese Domestic architecture. Discuss the principles of Feng Shui and hierarchical spatial organization in chinese houses and palaces. (12 Marks)
b. Describe the planning principles of chinese Temple Architecture with a sketch. (08 Marks)

Important Note: 1. On completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages.
2. Any revealing of identification, appeal to evaluator and/or equations written eg. 42+8 = 50, will be treated as malpractice

OR

- 6 a. Illustrate with sketches the typical structural system and roof forms used in JAPANESE religions buildings. (10 Marks)
- b. Discuss the development and architectural significance of Mayan Pyramids. Explain their astronomical relevance. (10 Marks)

Module-4

- 7 a. Explain the architectural features of Mycenaean Paratial Architecture with reference to the Palace of Tiryns. Sketch and explain the Megaron. (10 Marks)
- b. Describe the typologies of Vedic Settlements (Vedic Villages and Vedic Towns) (10 Marks)

OR

- 8 a. Explain the planning principles of achaemenid Persian Architecture. (08 Marks)
- b. Compare the Tomb of Cyrus at Pasargadae with the Palace of Persepolis using sketches. (12 Marks)

Module-5

- 9 a. Innumerate various reasons which influenced Settlement Patters and Architectural forms in Desert cultures of the Sahara and Thar regions. Include examples. (12 Marks)
- b. Compare the settlement characteristics and dwelling types of any two Indian tribal communities with sketches. (08 Marks)

OR

- 10 a. Describe the characteristic feature of early Andean Civilization. Discuss how mountains terrain shaped the settlement patterns of the regions. (10 Marks)
- b. Discuss the architectural and settlement patterns of Indigenous peoples of North America with example (Parables, tipis, longhouse) (10 Marks)

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