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Art of Indus Valley Civilization

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The first discoveries of the Indus Valley Civilization were made at the site of Harappa near Sindh province (Now in Pakistan). Thus it is also known as Harappa Civilization. Later excavations prove that the civilization had far greater extension to Mohanjo-Daro and other cities.

Lot of art and craft objects have been discovered from these sites during excavations. These include statuettes, toys, seals, jewellery, pottery and tools. Most scholars believe this civilization had flourished between 2500 B.C. to 1750 B.C.

An attempt will be made to impart knowledge about the arts and crafts of this period by selecting four art works for the lessons.

1.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying this lesson the learner will be able to:

- know about the date of Harappa civilization;
- name the artwork which are mentioned in this lesson;
- describe the site of finding, size, style, colour, and place of collection of the enlisted art objects;
- mention the main characteristics of the enlisted art objects of this period;
- differentiate and identify characteristics of the enlisted art works.



Mother Goddess



Seal with Bull Design

1.3 SEAL WITH BULL DESIGN

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Seal with Bull Design</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Steatite</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Harappa period circa 2500 B.C.</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	-	<i>Mohanjo-Daro</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>2.5X2.5X1.4.cm.</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

The seal is made of steatite and has an elaborate intaglio design of a bull as a symbol of power and strength, which has been achieved by exaggerating the size of the hump and the horns. The diagonal linear motif of the neck express the youthful energy of the animal.

There are some writings on the upper part of the seal, which are not yet deciphered.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (1.3)

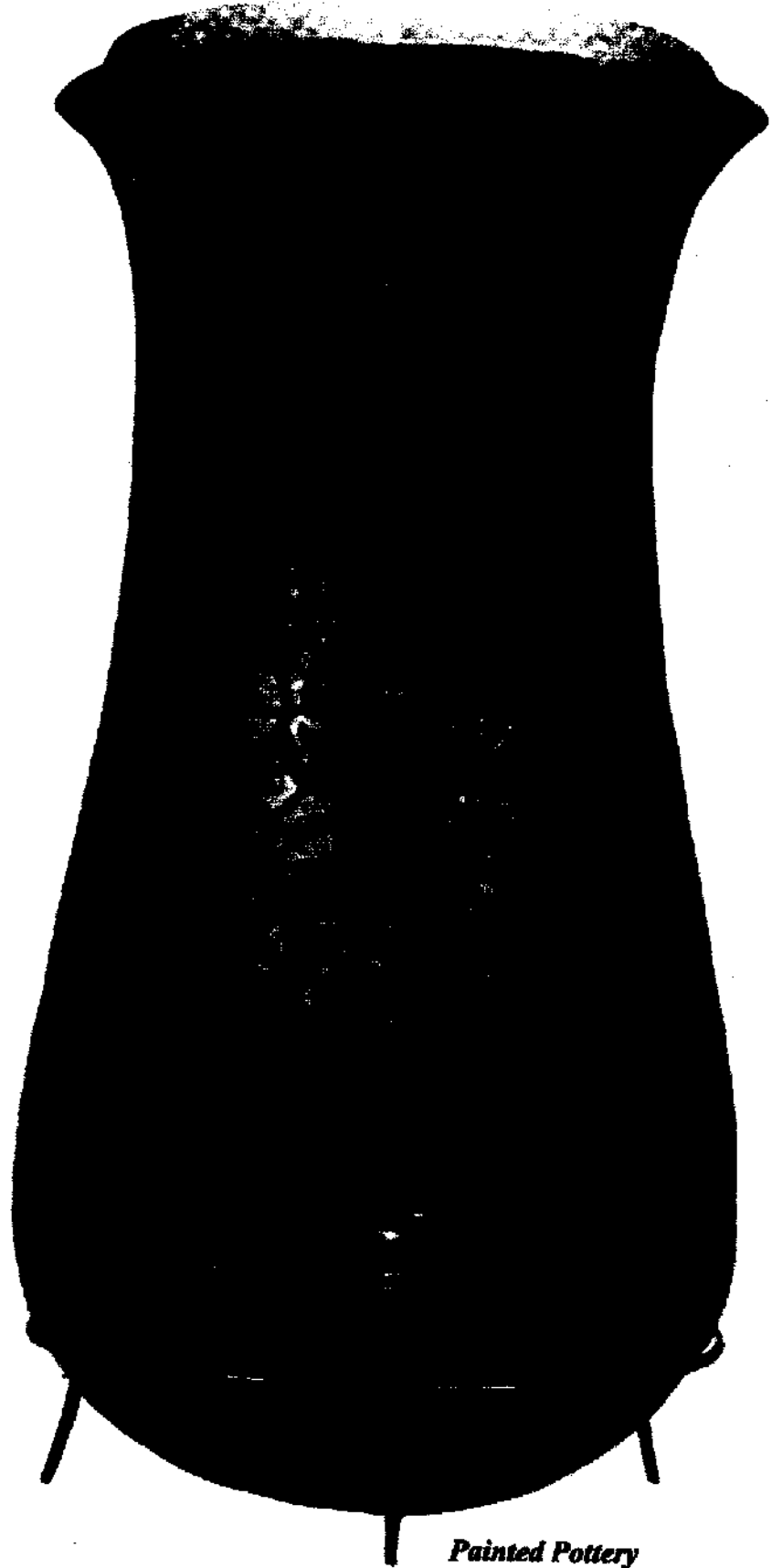
Choose the right answer.

(a) The seal is made of

- (i) clay
- (ii) stone dust
- (iii) steatite

(b) This seal was found at

- (i) Harappa
 - (ii) Mohanjo-Daro
 - (iii) Chanho-Daro
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Painted Pottery

1.4 PAINTED POTTERY

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Storage Jar</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Clay</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Harappa period circa 2500 B.C.</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	-	<i>Mohanjodaro</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>Height 21½"</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

This jar is made on a Potters wheel with clay. The shape was manipulated by the pressure of the crafty fingers of the Potter. After baking the clay model, it was painted with black colour. The motifs are of vegetals and geometric forms. Designs are simple but with a tendency towards abstraction. High polished is used as a finishing touch.

INTEXT QUESTION (1.4)

Choose the right answer:-

- (a) The Jar is made
- (i) with Tools
 - (ii) on Potter's wheel
 - (iii) with Chisel
- (b) The date of the Jar is
- (i) 1st C.A.D.
 - (ii) 6th C.A.D.
 - (iii) circa 2500 B.C
- (c) The size of the jar is
- (i) 24½"
 - (ii) 21¾"
 - (iii) 30¾"

1.2 MOTHER GODDESS

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Mother Goddess</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Terra cotta</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Harappa period circa 2500 B.C</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	-	<i>Mohanjodaro</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>8.5X3.4.cm</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

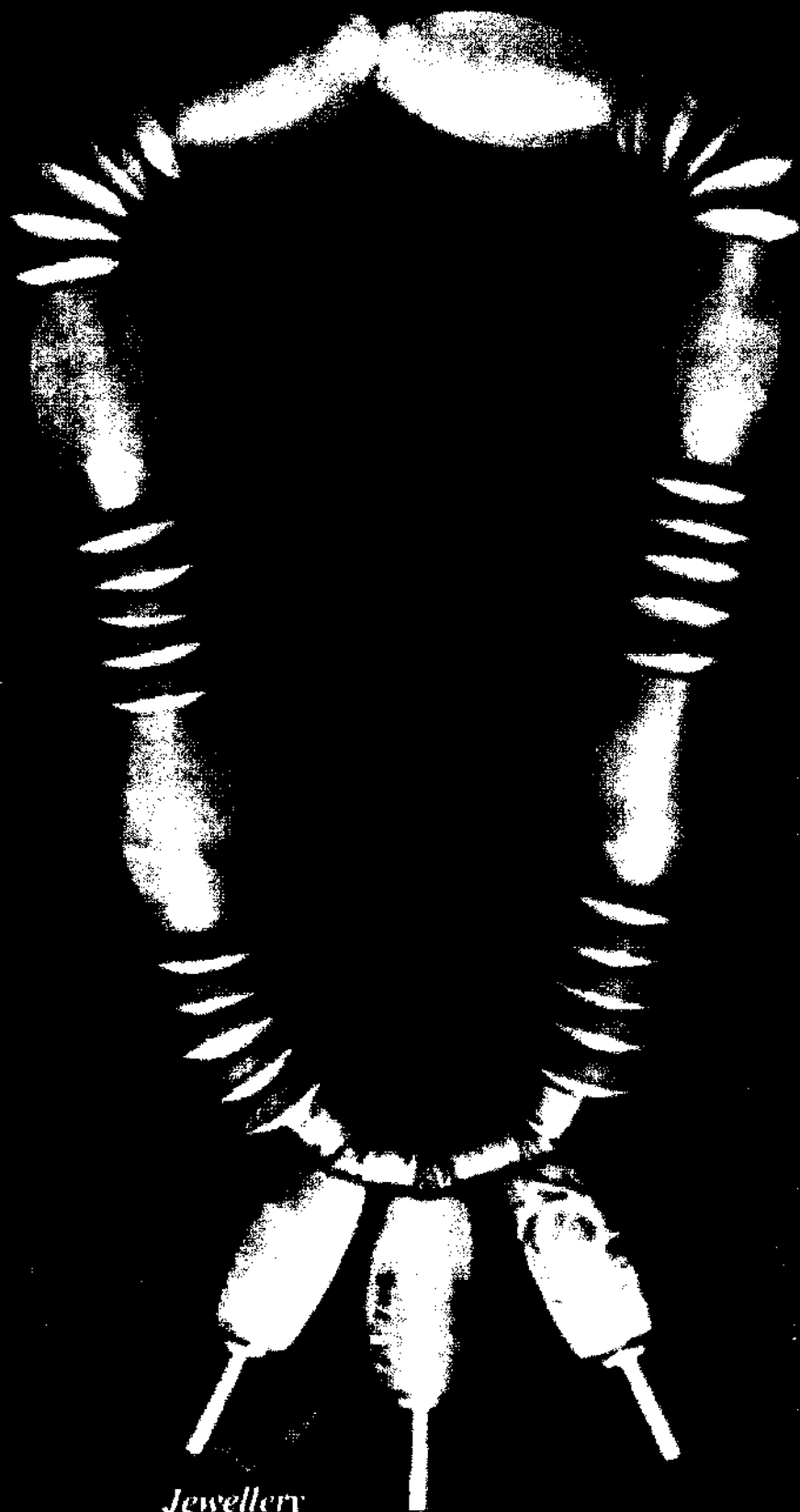
This statue is made of clay and then baked in fire as per the terra cotta process. This figurine is one of the finest example of terra cotta. The baking is perfectly done to achieve an unblemished red colour. Some scholars have identified it as "mother goddess".

The headgear of this statue, interestingly, comprises of two small bowl-like forms on both sides of the head. These were probably used as lamps. These are again balanced by another form in the middle of the head which is supposed to be an elaborate hair-style. The figure is wearing a miniskirt with a broad belt to hold it in place. The figure is adorned with all kinds of jewellery.

INTEXT QUESTION (1.2)

(1) Fill up the blanks

- The Mother Goddess statue is made of ".....".
- This was found at the site of ".....".
- The figure is wearing a ".....".



Jewellery

1.5 JEWELLERY

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Jade Necklace</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Jade</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Harappa period circa 2500 B.C.</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	-	<i>Mohanjo-Daro</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>Diameter 5.5cm.</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

Jewellery was found in great abundance and variety at Indus Valley sites. Lot of Gold, Silver or Jade Necklace, ear rings, pendants, belts and bangles were found.

This Jade Necklace is an excellent example of craftsmanship and designing. This is made of 30 round beads and six oval beads. Three lockets in the middle part of the Necklace enhance its beauty.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (1.5)

Choose the right answer

- (a) The necklace is made of
- (i) Diamond
 - (ii) Ruby
 - (iii) Jade
- (b) The number of lockets are
- (i) Two
 - (ii) Five
 - (iii) Three
- (c) Now it is in the collection of
- (i) Indian Museum, Kolkata
 - (ii) National Museum, New Delhi
 - (iii) Lahore Museum, Pakistan
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1.6 SUMMARY

The artists and craftsmen of Harappa culture were extremely skilled in handling all kinds of material like metal, stone carving terra cotta and painting pottery. These artists preferred to use simplified motifs of animals, birds and plants. It is very clear that they were influenced and motivated by their religious beliefs and the cult of Siva and Shakti is very prominent in all their artworks.

1.7 ANSWER OF INTEXT QUESTION

- 1.2 (a) Terracotta (b) Mohanjo-Daro (c) Mini-skirt
1.3 (a) Steatite (b) Mohanjo-Daro
1.4 (a) Potter's wheel (b) Ca. 2500 B.C
(c) 51 cm
1.5 (a) Jade (b) Three
(c) National Museum, New Delhi

1.8 MODEL QUESTIONS

1. Write an appreciative note on any one artworks of Indus Valley civilization.
2. What do you know about terracotta?
3. Describe some features of Indus Valley Art.

1.9 GLOSSARY

Steatite	-	Soapstone
Intaglio	-	incised carving
Diagonal	-	going from corner to other corner.
Motif	-	form, shape, figures in a design
Deciphered	-	To read a new script
Baking	-	To give permanency to clay by the heat of fire
Jade	-	Dark green precious stone
Terracotta	-	Hard fired clay
Cult	-	Religious belief

Art from Maurya to Gupta Period (4th C.B.C to 6th C.A.D)

2.0 INTRODUCTION

Chandragupta Maurya established an empire in India in the 4th C.B.C. For the first time, large portions of the subcontinent were unified politically. Chandragupta's grandson Ashoka was the most powerful and popular emperor of this dynasty. He was a great lover of art and architecture. Out of his contribution to art, few pillars or Sthambhas and sculptures remain. These are found throughout his vast empire, particularly in and around Magadha.

After the decline of the Maurya dynasty, the Sungas were the rulers of this empire. The Sunga and Satvahana period, that followed, contributed both in the field of Architecture and Sculpture. Most of these were related to Buddhism. The finest examples are the *Stupas* of Bharhut and Sanchi. The Kushanas arrived from the north western part of China and built an empire in the Northern part of India. Gandhara was the region situated on the western bank of the Indus river. The most important contribution of this school was the creation of the Buddha image. Buddha image appeared simultaneously in Gandhara and Mathura.

When the Gupta dynasty took over power from the Kusanas, it turned into a golden age for art and architecture. Artists of this age obtained great refinement in every form of art.

Few artworks have been selected for study to estimate the contribution of the Mauryas to the Guptas.

2.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying the lessons the learner will be able to:

- evaluate the artworks from Maurya to Gupta period;
- describe the size, style and place of these enlisted artworks;
- explain the characteristic features of these artworks;
- differentiate the evolution of style from period to period.



2.2 LION CAPITAL OF SARNATH

<i>Title</i>	–	<i>Lion Capital</i>
<i>Medium</i>	–	<i>Sand stone</i>
<i>Date</i>	–	<i>circa 3rd C.B.C</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	–	<i>Sarnath</i>
<i>Size</i>	–	<i>Height - 213.5 cm.</i>
<i>Artist</i>	–	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Collection</i>	–	<i>Sarnath Site Museum</i>

General Description

The sculpture of four lions grouped together, is the capital (Top part of a pillar) of the Sthambha of Sarnath's Deer park, which was created during the time of Ashoka. It is believed that it was at this site, Buddha preached his first sermon, thereby "turning the wheel of the law". It was excavated in 1905. The Chinese traveler Hsuan - Tsang mentioned of a seventy-foot high pillar with shining polish standing at the same site.

This composite sculpture shows a highly advanced form of art. This sculpture has been adopted as the emblem of Govt. of India

INTEXT QUESTIONS (2.2)

Choose the right answer:-

- (a) Lion capital of Sarnath is made of
 - (i) clay
 - (ii) marble
 - (iii) sand stone
- (b) The Sthambha was erected during the time of
 - (i) Chandragupta
 - (ii) Asoka
 - (iii) Akbar
- (c) The sculpture has been adopted as the emblem of
 - (i) Door darshan
 - (ii) Delhi Govt
 - (iii) Govt of India



Charles Beeler

2.3 CHAURI BEARER

<i>Title</i>	—	<i>Chauri Bearer (yakshini)</i>
<i>Medium</i>	—	<i>Sand stone</i>
<i>Date</i>	—	<i>Circa 3rd C.B.C</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	—	<i>Didarganj, Patna</i>
<i>Size</i>	—	<i>Height 162.5 cm.</i>
<i>Artist</i>	—	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Collection</i>	—	<i>Patna Museum, Patna</i>

General Description

Because of the technique, surface refinement and high polish, scholars think that the beautiful life-sized sculpture belongs to the Maurya phase. This female figure is also identified as a Yakshini and is often mentioned as the “Mona Lisa” of Indian Art. The figure is carved in the round with the perfect modeling of a female body.

There are very few sculptures in Indian art that surpass its beauty.

INTEXT QUESTION (2.3)

Fill up the blanks

- (a) The Chauri bearer was found at “.....”.
 - (b) It belongs to Maurya period because it has “.....”.
 - (c) The Chauri bearer is mentioned as the Indian “.....”.
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2.4 STUPA-I AT SANCHI

<i>Title</i>	–	<i>The great Stupa of Sanchi</i>
<i>Medium</i>	–	<i>Sand stone</i>
<i>Date</i>	–	<i>circa 3rd C.B.C through 1st C.A.D</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	–	<i>Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh</i>
<i>Size</i>	–	<i>Diameter - 36 meters</i>
<i>Artist</i>	–	<i>Unknown</i>

General Description

Stupa I is the largest Stupa at Sanchi. It is known as Mahastupa. It was built during the time of Asoka, and was enlarged to the present size by the Sungas. Probably a portion of the relics of Sakyamuni (Buddha) was kept inside the Stupa. During the second half of first century B.C. the Satavahanas erected the four beautifully carved toranas or Gateways.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (2.4)

Fill up the blanks

- The relics of was kept inside the great Stupa.
- The largest Stupa of Sanchi is known as
- The four *Toranas* were erected by the Dynasty.



Jain Tirthankar

2.5 JAIN TIRTHANKAR

Title	–	<i>Jain Tirthankar</i>
Date	–	<i>Gupta period 5th C.A.D.</i>
Finding site	–	<i>Mathura</i>
Size	–	<i>95x60 cm</i>
Artist	–	<i>Unknown</i>
Collection	–	<i>State Museum, Lucknow, U.P.</i>

General Description

Many Jain images were found near Vidisa, which belonged to the early Gupta period. This image is of a Jain Tirthankar, seated on a square pedestal in *Vajraparyankasana mudra*. This image of Mahavira Swamy, the 24th Tirthankar, is made in the typical Buddhist and Jain style of the Kusana period.

In his teachings Mahavir Swamy laid emphasis on freeing the human being from the cycle of birth and death, which can be achieved by practicing Tri Ratna (three gems of action) like faith, righteous work and truthful words. The artist tried to express the Triratna in this image.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (2.5)

Choose the right answer

(a) The Jain Tirthankar Statue is now in

- (i) National Museum, N.Delhi
- (ii) Indian Museum, Kolkata
- (iii) State Museum, Lucknow

(b) The statue is in

- (i) Abhaya Mudra
- (ii) Bhumisparsa Mudra
- (iii) Vajraparyankasana Mudra

(c) The image is of

- (i) Buddha
- (ii) Mahavira
- (iii) Parsvanath.

Seated Buddha



2.6 SEATED BUDDHA

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Sarnath Buddha</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Buff Sand stone.</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Gupta period, 5 century A.D.</i>
<i>Finding Site</i>	-	<i>Sarnath, U.P.</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>Height - 160 cm.</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>Sarnath Site Museum, Sarnath</i>

General Description

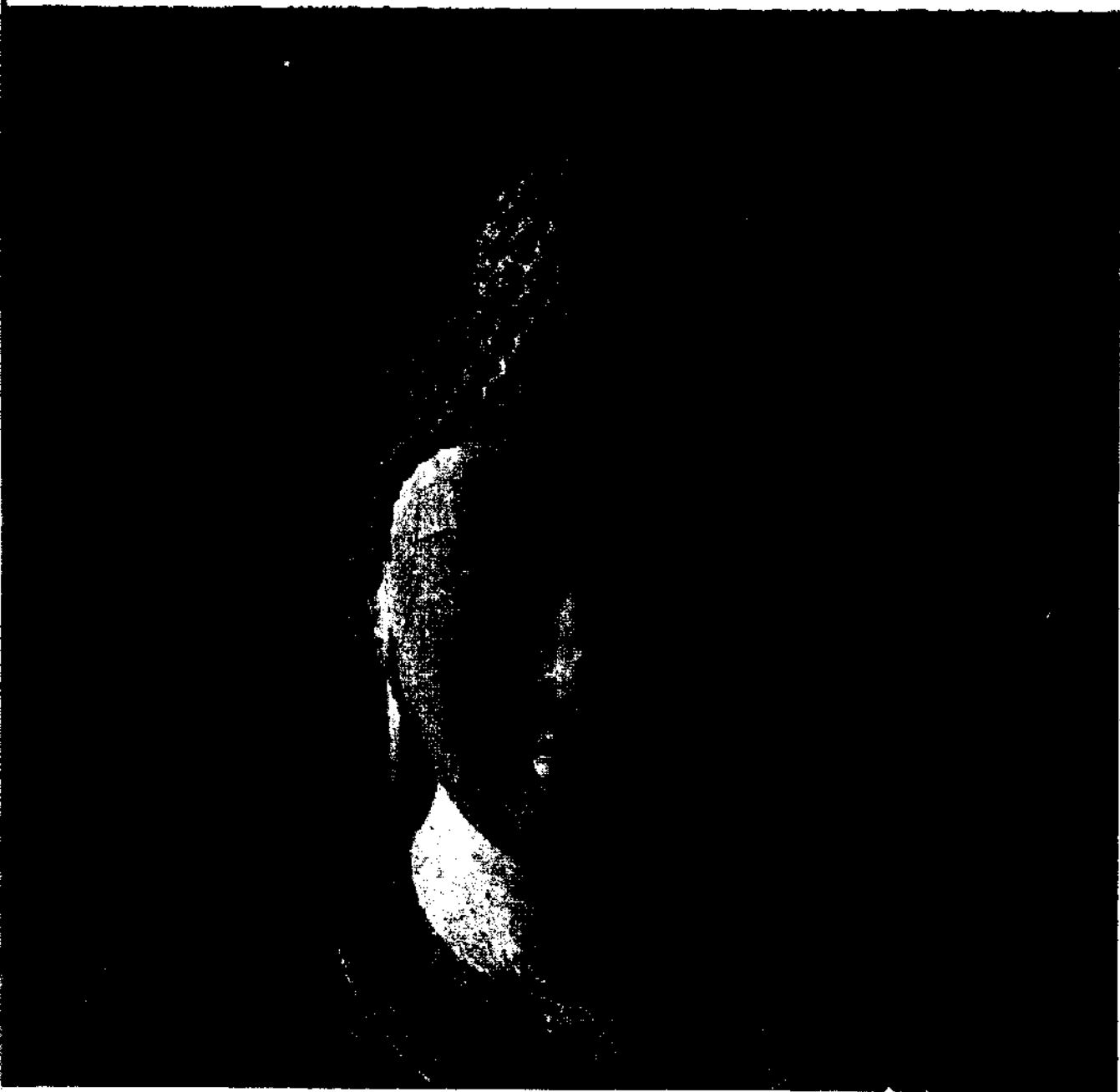
The beautiful figure is seated in Padmasan, with upturned soles. His hands are held in *Dharmachakramudra*. The ear lobes are long and the eyes are half-closed. The face is calm and has a spiritual expression. Behind the head is a huge halo covered with a beautiful floral decoration.

This sculpture is one of the best examples of Gupta art. The matured simplicity and rational use of ornamentation prove the greatness of the artist.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (2.6)

Fill up the blanks -

- (a) The beautiful figure is seated in Pose.
 - (b) Sarnath Buddha belongs Period.
 - (c) Hands of Sarnath Buddha are held in Mudra.
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Seated Buddha (Gandhara Style)

2.7 SEATED BUDDHA (GANDHARA STYLE)

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Seated Buddha</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Red Sand Stone</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Kusana period</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	-	<i>Katra-Tila, Mathura, U.P.</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>Height - 75 cm.</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>Government Museum, Mathura, U.P.</i>

General description

Gandhara is the old name of the territory on the western bank of the Indus river. The early school flourished during the first and second century A.D. came to its maturity during the time of the Kusanas. These sculptures were found from Taxila in the west to Samath in the east. The most important contribution of the Gandhara school was the creation of the Buddha image. This image shows realistic rendering of drapery and a tuft-like hair style on top of the head. One arm of this statue is missing, which probably was in *Abhaya Mudra*.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (2.7)

Fill up the blanks

- The seated Buddha belongs to the style.
- This statue is made of stone.
- The most important contribution of Gandhara school was the creation of image.

2.8 SUMMARY

The contribution of the period from 4th C.B.C to 6th C.A.D towards art and culture of India is most important. The art and culture of this period was influenced by varied religious beliefs like Hindu, Jain and Buddhist. All these religions were patronized by the ruler of different faiths and they were treated equally. Though Buddhists art spread all over India, the other religious arts also flourished in the same way. Buddha images were made for the first time by Gandhara and Mathura artists. Stupas were built with equal enthusiasm both in the Northern and Southern parts of India.

2.9 ANSWERS OF INTEXT QUESTIONS

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| 2.2 | (a) Sand stone | 2.3 | (a) Didarganj |
| | (b) Ashoka | | (b) High polish |
| | (c) Govt. of India | | (c) Mona-Lisa |
| 2.4 | (a) Sakyamuni | 2.5 | (a) State museum of Lucknow |
| | (b) Mahastupa | | (b) Vajra Paryankasana Mudra |
| | (c) Satavahanas. | | (c) Mahavira |
| 2.6 | (a) Padmasana | 2.7 | (a) Gandhara style |
| | (b) Gupta period | | (b) Red sand stone |
| | (c) Dharmachakra mudra | | (c) Buddha |

2.10 MODEL QUESTIONS

1. What are the major contributions of the Mauryan to Buddhist art?
 2. Discuss the style of Gandhara Buddhist sculpture.
 3. Write the main features of the statue of Jain Tirthankara.
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2.11 GLOSSARY

Hsuan Tsang	-	Chinese traveller
Composite Sculpture	-	combined forms in one sculpture
Emblem	-	symbol of a state
Mona Lisa	-	Famous painting of Leonardo-da-Vinci
Modeling	-	brings illusion of volume
Relics	-	remains of a deceased person.
Tirthankar	-	One who has attained perfect knowledge
Mudra	-	Symbolic hand gesture
Spiritual	-	conscious thought and emotion
Drapery	-	clothes with folds
Tuft	-	bunch or cluster

3

Ajanta Caves

3.0 INTRODUCTION

Ajanta was a Buddhist settlement situated near Aurangabad in Maharashtra. It was discovered by some British soldiers. Some 29 caves have been cut from a horseshoe-shaped hillside. Paintings have been found in six of these caves. These caves are of two types viz. Chaityas and Viharas. Chaitya was a place for worship while the Vihara was the dwelling-place of the monks. The walls, ceiling and the front part of the Chaityas and Viharas are beautifully decorated with sculpture and painting. The themes of these art-works are based on Buddhist scriptures, and mainly the stories of Jataka.

The technical methods of Ajanta paintings is tempera. A rough mud Plaster, containing cowdung and animal hair was first pressed on the rocks. A coat of fine lime plaster was laid over it. The colour was applied after the ground was completely dry.

3.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying the lesson the learner will be able to:

- describe the arts of Ajanta caves;
- state the title of the enlisted wall paintings of Ajanta;
- explain the technique, method, size and style of these paintings;
- describe the characteristic features of Ajanta cave paintings.



Pratimayana Bodhisattva

3.2 PADMAPANI BODHISATTVA

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Padmapani Bodhisatva</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Tempera on wall</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Late 5th C.A.D.</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	-	<i>Ajanta cave No 1</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>5' 9½"</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Place</i>	-	<i>Ajanta, Aurangabad, Maharashtra</i>

General Description

This painting is considered to be a masterpiece of Indian art. The slightly inclined posture gives the suggestion of grace. The elegant features of the face and downcast eyes give an impression of serene meditation and compassion. The ornamentation is very rationally done. He wears a pearl and sapphire necklace. He is holding a blue lotus in his right hand. The size of the figure is quite large.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (3.2)

Fill in the blanks

- It is called Padmapani because the figure is holding a
- The medium of this painting is
- It is found in cave no of



Maruyama Masao

3.3 MARA-VIJAY

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Mara-Vijaya</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Tempra on wall</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Gupta Vakataka 5th-6th century</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	-	<i>Ajanta cave No 1</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>12' X 8'</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Place</i>	-	<i>Aurangabad, Maharashtra</i>

General Description

Theme of Mara-Vijaya narrates the story of the conquest on all the vices and temptation of the material world by Budha during his meditation. In this painting, the defeat of the young women is shown, who tried to disturb the concentration of Buddha. The female figures are depicted in different postures and gestures of frustration and guilt feelings. The Ajanta painters were masters in portraying feminine emotions and elegance.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (3.3)

Choose the right answer

(a) The story of conquering temptation by Buddha is known as -

- (i) DigVijaya
- (ii) Tapasya
- (iii) Mara-Vijay

(b) The Mara Vijaya Painting is found in

- (i) Ajanta cave No 1
- (ii) Ajanta cave No 2
- (iii) Ajanta cave No 3

(c) Size of this painting is

- (1) 12'X20'
 - (2) 10'X10'
 - (3) 12'X8'
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3.4 SUMMARY

Almost all the caves of Ajanta belong to the Vakataka period. The paintings in cave No 1 are of later date than cave No.9 and 10. Though the subjects of these paintings are religious, there is a keen interest in the common world. The main aim was to teach the basic principles of Buddhism through Jataka Stories.

Ajanta painters followed the traditional method of Indian wall painting. The principle colour in use were red, yellow, blue, white and green. All the colours were locally available. These paintings are basically linear, though the painters were masters in handling colour.

3.5 ANSWERS OF INTEXT QUESTION

- 3.2 (a) blue lotus (b) Tempera on wall (c) Cave no 1, Ajanta
3.3 (a) Mara Vijaya (b) Ajanta cave (c) 12'X8'
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3.6 MODEL QUESTIONS

1. What do you know about Ajanta caves?
 2. Write a short note on the techniques of Ajanta paintings.
 3. Briefly assess the artistic achievements of Ajanta painters.
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3.7 GLOSSARY

Scriptures	-	religious writings.
Tempera	-	painting with pigments mixed with egg or other binder.
Sapphire	-	Blue gem.
Vakataka	-	A dynasty that ruled almost same times of the Guptas.
Jataka	-	Stories of Buddha's previous birth in different forms like animal, bird, plants etc.

4

Temple Art and Sculpture

4.0 INTRODUCTION

Indian sculpture was mostly meant for temple ornamentation in the ancient and medieval period. The regular building of structural temples in bricks and dressed stone began in the Gupta age, although there is some evidence of small shrines before the Guptas. During the 8th C.A.D there was prolific building activities throughout India. The Palas in the east, Cholas and Pallavas in the South, Rastrakutas and Chandellas in the central part of India, built beautiful temples, embellished with sculpture from 8th to 10th C.A.D. The tradition of temple sculpture flourished even after that in some areas like Vijaynagar, Mysore, Rajasthan, Bengal and Orissa till 12th C.A.D.

An introduction will be given to some selected temple sculptures in this lesson.

The following are the enlisted artworks in some famous temples of India.

- (a) Trimurti at Elephanta (Near Mumbai)
- (b) Mahisasura Mardini at Ellora (Maharashtra)
- (c) Kandariya Mahadeva temple at Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh)

4.1 OBJECTIVES:

After studying this lesson the learner will be able to:-

- (a) explain in brief the enlisted temples and sculptures;
- (b) state the name of enlisted temples and sculptures;
- (c) mention pattern, materials, architect, period, site and style of these temple sculptures;
- (d) identify the period of enlisted sculptures;
- (e) tell the main characteristics of enlisted temples.



Mulishasimardim

Sculpture of Devi at Ellora

4.2 MAHISHASURMARDINI

<i>Title</i>	<i>Mahishasurmardini</i>
<i>Place</i>	<i>Kailash Temple, Ellora, Maharashtra</i>
<i>Period</i>	<i>8th century A.D.</i>
<i>Medium</i>	<i>Rock-cut</i>
<i>Style</i>	<i>Rastrakuta</i>

The sculpture is of Devi Durga slaying Mahisasura, the buffalo demon. The 8th century Hindu rock-cut Kailash temple of Ellora in Western India is a remarkable piece of work. This sculpture adorns wall of the Kailash temple which was dedicated to the worshipers of Shiva. This relief panel treats battle scenes in which the deity is engaged in destroying the demon. The sculpture, particularly the scene depicting Devi's great battle, represents a high point in the development of Hindu iconography. Its treatment in narrative sculpture as well as human figure is commendable. This composition is one of the most dramatic treatments in the history of Indian monumental sculpture. The theme of Durga destroying the buffalo demon or Mahishasura Mardini is very popular in sculpture of India. Finally it is the combination of grace, beauty and power of expression, and dramatic composition that makes the Durga of Ellora a remarkable relief sculpture.

INTEXT QUESTIONS. (4.2)

Fill up the blanks

- The Mahisasura Mardini sculpture shows Devi Durga slaying _____.
- This sculpture is in _____.
- This belong to the _____ style of _____ A.D.



Trimurti

4.3 TRIMURTI

Title -	<i>Trimurti (Three headed Mahesha)</i>
Medium -	<i>Rock cut</i>
Size -	<i>5.20 meters Height</i>
Period -	<i>8th Century AD.</i>
Place -	<i>Elephanta Mumbai, Maharastra</i>

The Mahesha or Shiva Trimurti is a dramatic representation of the supreme form of Shiva as the central face, Shiva as a destroyer is on the left and on the right is the gracious feminine deity. The Gods who were most commonly represented in Hindu pantheon were Shiva, the destroyer and Vishnu, the preserver while the third great God of the Hindu trinity was Brahma the creator. One of the most powerful rendering of this multiple nature of the deity is seen at Elephanta, where Shiva is seen as the three headed Mahadeva. The heads represent three different aspects of the God, the center one is his creative self or Sadasiva, the left his destructive nature or aghora and the right is the gracious feminine manifestation of the beauty of nature or Vamadeva.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (4.3)

Choose the right answer

- (a) The statue of Mahesha is of
 (i) Bramba (ii) Krisna (iii) Shiva
- (b) The central head of the Trimurti represents
 (i) Rudra (ii) Nataraja (iii) Sadasiva
- (c) The destructive aspect of Mahesha murti in the left head is called
 (i) Aghora (ii) Vamadeva (iii) Mahadeva.



4.4 KANDARIYA MAHADEV TEMPLE

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Kandariya Mahadev Temple</i>
<i>Period</i>	-	<i>Chandella dynasty, 10th century A.D.</i>
<i>Height</i>	-	<i>Height 101.9"</i>
<i>Material</i>	-	<i>Sandstone</i>
<i>Place</i>	-	<i>Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh</i>

The Kandariya Mahadev Temple is the most magnificent and the biggest temple of the Khajuraho school of architecture. It is a temple of perfect proportions and rich ornamentation. It is one of the finest achievements of Indian temple architecture in Vesara style. The temple was built of sand stone.

There are three bands of sculptures on the Jangha of the temple. There are quite a number of erotic figures, along with usual sculptures of Hindu pantheon, all carved to perfection.

The base of the temple is filled with diverse sculptures. Inside the temple it is plain and dark, where one can meditate peacefully.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (4.4)

Fill up the blanks

1. It is one of the finest achievements of Indian temple architecture in the _____ style.
2. There are three _____ of sculpture on the _____ of the temple.
3. Inside of the temple is _____ and _____.

4.5 SUMMARY

In the post Gupta period it is almost impossible to consider sculpture apart from architecture, it is so much a part of the temples which it serve to decorate. All the three distinct architectural styles of temples, Viz, Nagara (of the North) Dravida (of the South) and Vesara (of the central) are treasures of Indian Sculpture. The temple sculpture of India is to be found all over India in various styles and forms.

4.6 MODEL QUESTIONS

1. What are the characteristics of Mahishasurmardini at Kailash temple of Ellora.
2. Write in brief the main features of Trimurti at Elephanta near Mumbai.
3. Why is the Kandariya Mahadeva Temple at Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh famous?

4.7 ANSWER OF INEXT QUESTIONS.

- 4.2 (a) Buffalo demon (b) Ellora (iii) Rastrakuta, 8th century
- 4.3 (a) (iii) Shiva (b) (iii) Sadasiva (c) Aghora.
- 4.4 (i) Vesara, (b) Bands, Jangha, (c) Plain, Dark

4.8 TERMINOLOGY

ashrama:	monastic retreat
apsars:	celestial dancing girls
avatar:	incarnation
bhakti:	reverance
bahmin:	priestly caste
caitya:	place of worship of the Buddishts
cakra:	Wheel
dharma:	law, doctrine, righteousness
Garbha Griha:	literally 'womb chamber', inner sanctum of temple
Gopuram:	Gate house of temple Dravide temple
Kalasha:	Water pitcher, vase
Kumbha:	bulbous water pot
Linga:	phallus, most common symbol of Shiva
Mandapa:	hall or pillared pavilion
Puja:	worship
Ratha:	temple chariot
Sabha:	assembly
Stupa:	memorial of Buddhist saint
Tirth:	place of spiritual regeneration
Vastu:	residence,
Vihara:	residential quarter of monastery
Yoni:	female reproductive organ.

5

Indian Bronzes (Sculpture)

5.0 INTRODUCTION

From earliest times to Modern period, the Dancing Girl is the earliest example of metal sculpture. The most outstanding are the bronze images particularly popular in Southern India. Beginning of the seventh century, a school of metal sculpture was evolved in South-India. The Chola dynasty of 10th C. produced some of the greatest works of Hindu Sculpturs in the Southern part of India. The "Lost-wax" process (cire perdue) was used. The sculptures are not only technically superb but they are aesthetically outstanding.

5.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying this lesson, the learner should be able to :

- explain in brief the process to make bronze sculpture;
- state the names of the famous bronze sculptures found in India;
- identify the period of the bronze sculptures;
- tell about the materials used for making bronze sculptures;



Cosmic Dance of Lord Shiva

5.2 COSMIC DANCE OF LORD SHIVA

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Nataraja</i>
<i>Period</i>	-	<i>Chola 11th century A.D.</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Bronze</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>Height 98X84 cm</i>
<i>Site</i>	-	<i>Thanjavour, Tamilnadu</i>
<i>Style</i>	-	<i>Chola</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi.</i>

General Description

Among the numerous Gods represented in the bronze images, the most popular was Shiva. He is engaged in the dance of the universe and is trampling on the dwarf of illusion. He is holding the drum of creation in the right hand and the fire of destruction in the corresponding left. The lower right hand is stretched out in a gesture of protection (*abhaya*) and the lower left signifies salvation. This sculpture is remarkable for the balance of the limbs and the rhythm running through them. The cosmic dance represents the essence of the Hindu concept of life. The dynamic movement of the God expresses the eternal process of creation, destruction, and re-creation.

IN-TEXT QUESTIONS (5.2)

Fill in the blanks

1. 'Nataraja' collection at the National Museum, New Delhi is made of _____.
2. Nataraja is holding the _____ of creation in the upper hand and _____ of destruction in the left.
3. Bronze casting of Nataraja is belongs to the _____ dynasty.



Dokra casting (Tribal Bronze casting)

5.3 DOKRA CASTING (Tribal Bronze casting)

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Hourse Riding</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Bronze, Brass</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Tribals</i>
<i>Place</i>	-	<i>Madhya Pradesh, Tikamgarh</i>

General Description

Dokra casting or the lost-wax (Cire-Perdue) technique is one of the oldest metallurgical art forms used in ancient civilizations in India and also in China, Greece and Mesopotamia. The tribals are still using this process.

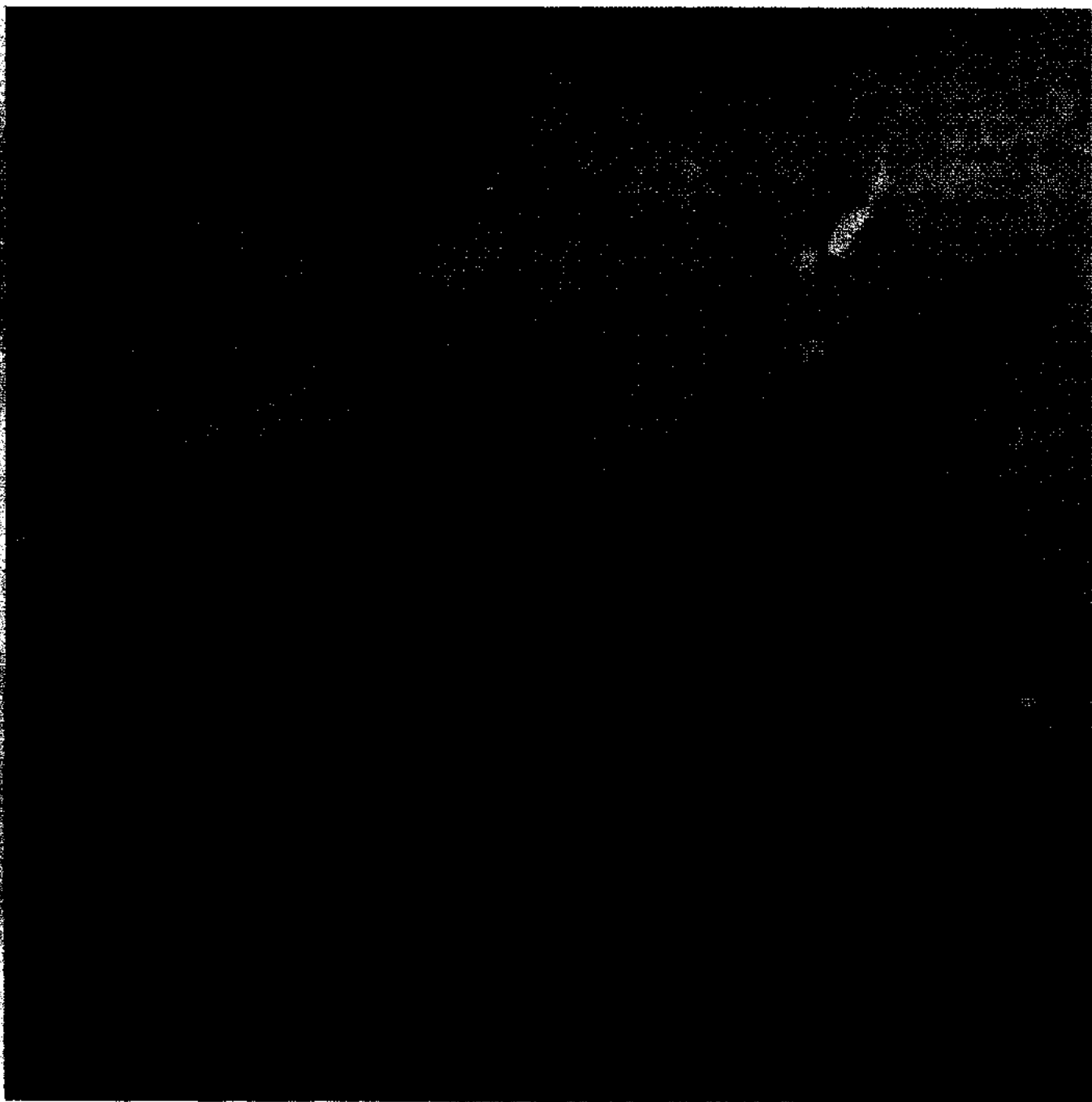
It involves the following steps.

1. Making a clay cover by firing in kiln.
2. Wrapping bee-wax around the core to get a replica.
3. Coating the replica with wet clay and then drying in the sun.
4. Heating should melt the wax which flows out early.
5. Filling with metal. Cast in furnace and left to cast.
6. Breaking the mould to get a Dokra Artifact.

IN-TEXT QUESTIONS (5.3)

Put (✓) or (x)

1. Dokra casting is the lost-wax technique.
2. The technique of Dokra casting is one of the oldest metallurgical art form.
3. Coating the replica with Dry clay.



Triumph of Labour

5.4 TRIUMPH OF LABOUR

Title	-	<i>Triumph of Labour</i>
Artist	-	<i>Shri Devi Prasad Roy Chowdhury</i>
Medium	-	<i>Bronze</i>
Date	-	<i>1954</i>
Collection	-	<i>National Gallery of Modern Art, Jaipur House, New Delhi.</i>

General Description

Shri D.P. Roy Chowdhury was one of the most outstanding artists in the Indian art scene. He was primarily a sculptor and a painter. He was also proficient in wrestling, hunting, writing and music. He was not in favour of holding exhibitions. He said, "I consider my modest studio as a sort of old, sacred temple devoted to the cause of art. I worship the object I create. I can never think of them being carried now and then for public view. Those who are real lovers of art are welcome to my studio". He went to Abanindranath Tagore as his disciples in his teenage and followed the master's style and technique. He is known and respected today more as a sculptor. In his early life he worked under the noted sculptor *Hiranmoy Roy Chowdhury*.

As a composition *The Triumph of Labour* is a master piece. This will remain as an outstanding example of contemporary Indian sculpture. The four figures in the first group are perfect anatomical studies of men engaged in a formidable task of lifting a huge block. The most distinctive feature of this group is its universal appeal and rare quality of mobility. This sculpture symbolically represent the sacrifice, which Indians made for winning Independence.

TEXT QUESTION (5.4)

Fill in the blanks:-

D.P. Roy Chowdhury was proficient in _____, _____, and _____.

In his early life Shri D.P. Roy Chowdhury started work under the noted sculptor _____.

The Triumph of Labour is a symbol of "_____".

5.5 SUMMARY

The remarkable collection of bronze sculpture at the Government museum, Chennai, is the Nataraja, Cosmic dance of Lord Shiva. The Triumph of Labour installed at National Gallery of Modern Art and the Martyr's Memorial installed at Teen Murti Marg, New Delhi, are outstanding examples of Modern bronze sculpture. The process of preparing bronze sculpture is known as cire-perdue meaning lost wax process. Dokra Art and bronze casting are done by the same process.

5.6 MODEL QUESTIONS

1. What are the characteristics of Nataraja bronze sculpture?
 2. Write the method of preparing the lost wax process.
 3. Name the dynasty under which Bronze sculpture reached its Zenith.
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5.7 ANSWERS OF INTEXT QUESTIONS.

5.2 1. bronze 2. drum, fire 3. chola

5.3 1. ✓ 2. ✓ 3. ✓

5.4 1. Hunting, Writing, Music 2. Hiranmoy Roy Chowdhury
3. Sacrifice

5.8 TERMINOLOGY

Wrestler: - A sport one tries to throw a person to the ground without hitting him.

Exhibition: - To organize a show.

Martyr's Memorial: - Remembering the dead heroes

Formidable: - Very difficult.

Chola dynasty: - Period of 11th century AD.

Dwarf: - A person much shorter than normal height

Drum: - Musical instrument of Lord Shiva.

Dynamic movement: - Forceful movement.

Disciple: - One who learns from another

Technique: - Method of doing by mechanical skill.

Universal appeal: - Affecting all

Tramples to - Crush under the feet

6

Indo-Islamic Architecture

6.0 INTRODUCTION

During 8th century A.D. Turkish, Arabian and Mongolian cultures started invading into the main cultural stream of India. When these foreign cultural people started living in India during medieval period, they employed local Hindu masons for constructing their architectural marvels i.e. mosques, palaces, tombs, *maqbaras*, *madarsas* and forts/fortresses. It is because of this reason that we see the mixture of various cultural influences in these architectural works of medieval India. Thus a new Indianised style of semi-circular domes, mehrabs (conical minars which were earlier being used for temple niche of the Buddhists or Hindu deities) came into existence. Squirish forms of columns, mosques without minars, small arched niche (semi-circular) conical columns, are some of the other examples of the mixture of cultural style.

In this lesson, examples of only three following monuments of medieval India have been taken up in which all the qualities of the mixture of various cultural influences in the art of Indo-Islamic Architecture are well established.

6.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying this lesson, the learner should be able to :

- tell the names of the enlisted monuments;
- describe general introduction of the given monuments;
- differentiate the stylistic differentiation of architecture of enlisted monuments;
- explain construction materials, its place, style, and qualities of architecture of a given monument;
- identify the main features of Indo-Islamic Architecture.



Qutub Minar

6.2 QUTUB MINAR

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Qutub Minar</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Red and White Sand stone</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>1206 to 1232 A.D.</i>
<i>Site</i>	-	<i>Delhi</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>Height - 72.56 meters</i>

General Description

Qutub-ud-din Aibek, the first of the slave Dynasty ruler, first of all started getting this *minar* constructed as a 'symbol of Victory' but later he sponsored it to his Dilli (Delhi) master Sufi Saint - Bakhtiyar Kaki as a gift. This *minar* is known as 'Qutub-minar'. This minar is a good example of Indo-Turkish style of Architecture. Its boldly projected balconies on each storey, carved arabic scriptures on stones (they are mostly inscriptions from Quran and titles of the Emperor) and rope-winding stair-cases are its special features. This is the highest *minar* of India measuring **71.3 meters high**.

Red and white sand-stones are used in constructing the Qutub-minar. On its top floor marble stones are also used. Stucco lime-mixture as mortar for cementing its constructional work has been used.

Qutub-ud-din Aibek could get only its first storey constructed during his rein - 1206 to 1210 AD; Afterward king Iltutmish got the 2nd, 3rd and 4th storeys completed. But at the end (though badly conceived) 5th storey was constructed by Emperor Firozeshah Tughlук of Tughlук dynasty.

Qutub-minar is situated at Mehrauli in Delhi

Style of Architecture

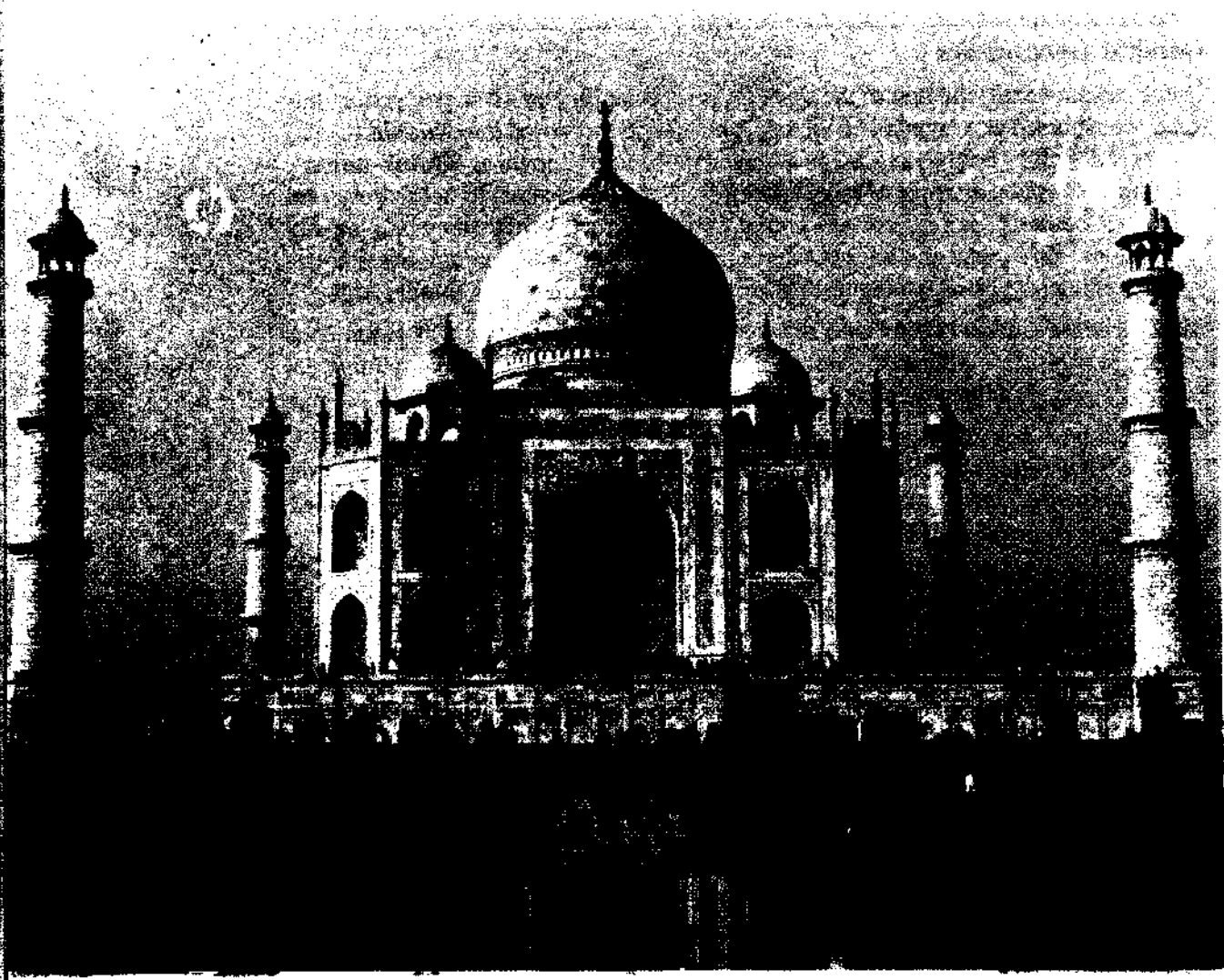
Qutub-minar is most famous for its '*Shankh*' like form;

its strong ribs supporting its balconies; geometrical decorative carvings and arabic inscriptions along with pure Indian decorative symbols in its stylistic construction.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (6.2)

Tick mark (✓) the right answer

- Qutub Minar was built as a symbol of
 - Victory
 - Love
 - Religion
- Top floor of Qutub Minar is built of
 - Sand stone
 - Marble
 - Bricks
- This Minar is good example of
 - Mughal architecture
 - Hindu architecture
 - Indo-Turkish architecture



Taj Mahal

6.3 TAJ MAHAL

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Taj Mahal</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>White marble stone</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>1632 to 1654 AD</i>
<i>Site</i>	-	<i>Agra</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>Groundplan 580 meters X 305 meters, Height - 187</i>

General Description

Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan is a well known figure until today for its building construction activities especially for Taj Mahal. He got Taj Mahal constructed as a memorial for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. In this building there are two tombs (graves) - one of his wife Mumtaz and the other of his own. In fact such memorial buildings constructed over the tombs are called 'Maqbaras'. Construction of Taj Mahal is a fine blend of Indian and foreign styles of architectural art.

White marble stone from Makrana mines in Rajasthan was brought for the construction of Taj Mahal, and lime stucco was used as mortar for cementing its constructional work.

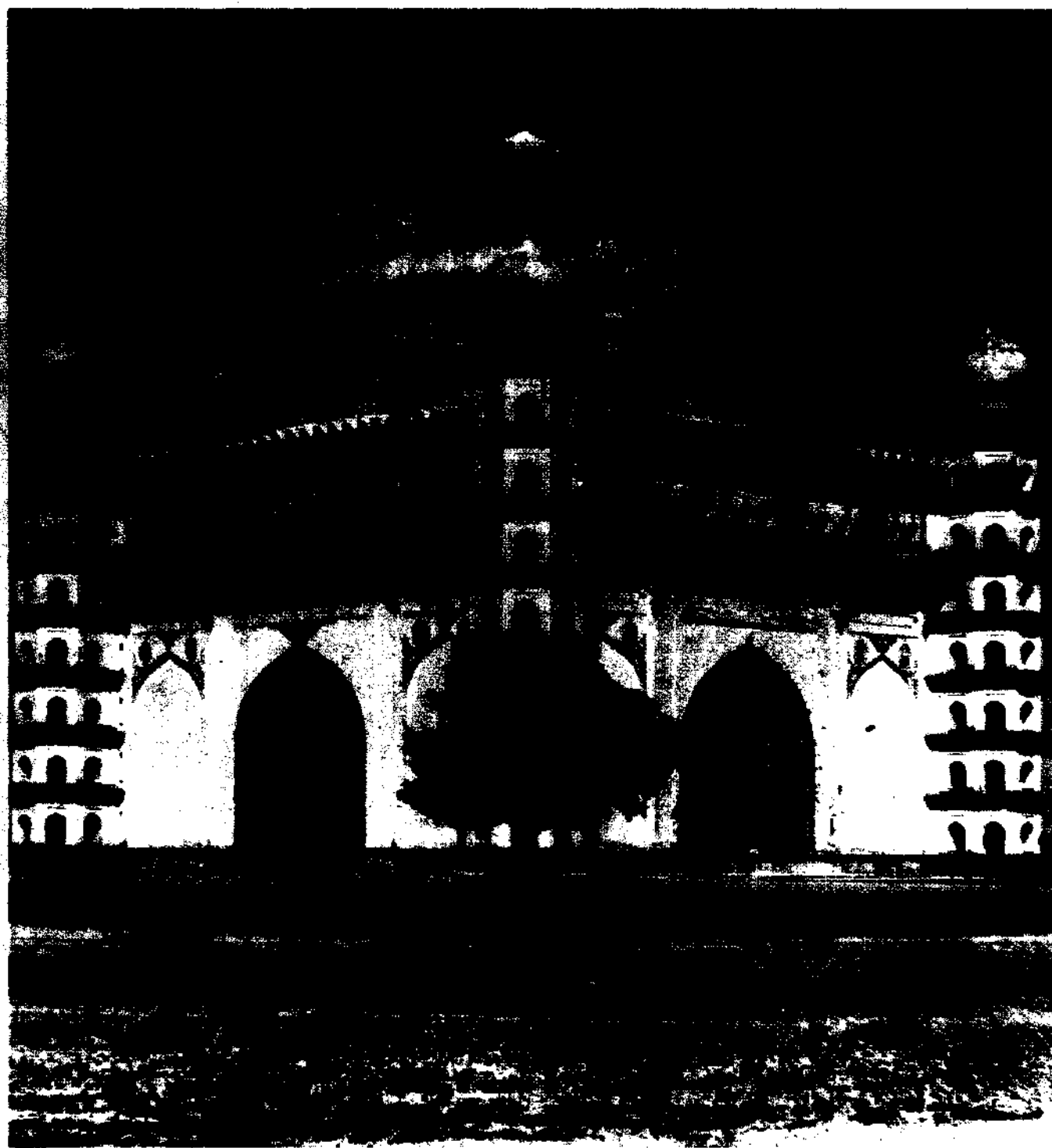
Shah Jahan ruled from 1628 to 1658 A.D. and during this period he spent twenty two years for the construction of Taj Mahal. This beautiful building is situated on the bank of Yamuna river in the city of Agra. The area of the main building is 313 square feet. The highest dome of the building is 186 feet high.

At the four corners of the building there are four *minars* each having 163 ft. height. The double layered domes and minarets are constructed in Iranian style, but its arches and balconies are in Persian style. The main emphasis of this building has been especially laid on the layout, proportions of its different parts and on the beautiful arabic inscriptions. Geometrical decorative motifs and some other constructional aspects like cubical brackets, designing of the basements and the high level of platform are some of the best representations of Indian style of architecture.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (6.3)

Fill up the blanks

- Shah Jahan built Taj Mahal as a _____ of his wife _____.
- Taj Mahal is situated on the bank of _____, in the city of _____.
- Taj Mahal is built of _____ stone.



Gole Gumbad

6.4 GOLE GUMBAD

Title	-	Gole Gumbad
Medium	-	Baked bricks
Date	-	17th C.A.D.
Site	-	Bijapur
Size	-	Inner area 1600 sq. Meter

General Description

During 14th century A.D., there were many small kingdoms especially in South India. One of these kingdoms was known as Bahmini Kingdom. Besides the Indian architectural style, the 'Gole Gumbad' of Bijapur had the influence of Egyptian, Turkish and Persian architecture as well which was built by the Bahmini king.

In the construction of Gole Gumbad, baked bricks have been used which have been cemented with lime stucco.

Muhammad Adil Shah of Bijapur built the Gole Gumbad in the 17th C.A.D.

It is situated at Bijapur city of Karnataka.

STYLE OF CONSTRUCTION

The double layered roofing style of Iran has been used in construction of Gole Gumbad. In India, this is the biggest dome among all the domes of the world in which the inner layer of the dome is rounded in semi-circular form whereas the outer layer is conically narrowed upward giving it a bulbous look. There are four octagonal *minars* at the four corners which have seven storeys each. The inner area of this building is 1600 square meters.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (6.4)

Tick mark (✓) the right answer

- (a) In the construction of Gole Gumbad the material is used.
- (i) Marble
 - (ii) Baked bricks
 - (iii) Granite
- (b) It was built by
- (i) Ibrahim Adil-Shah
 - (ii) Muhammad Adil Shah
 - (iii) Yusuf Adil Shah
- (c) It is situated at
- (i) Agra
 - (ii) Bijapur
 - (iii) Golconda
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6.5 SUMMARY

After studying three historical monuments as given in the curriculum, you might have concluded that the history of medieval India is full of so many ups and downs on account of which a lot of cultural interaction took place which creates a large panoramic picture in front of us. In the history of architectural art of India during medieval period, the construction of *mehrab*s, domes and the mixtures of cementing mortars are the gifts of Turkish techniques. We can simultaneously very well see the *swastika* symbol, bell shape forms, lotus carvings and *kalash* (a pious earthen pituitary shapes) used as decorative motifs which are purely Indian in their style and form, gifted to the Indo-Islamic Architecture. Many tombs - *mehrab*s and *maqbaras* were constructed and their surroundings were developed into beautiful decorative parks/gardens. But special attention was laid on the strength of the buildings during construction time.

6.6 MODEL QUESTIONS

1. Keeping in mind the Indo-Turkish style of architectural art, explain the main features of the architecture of *Qutab-minar*.
2. Write down the three main reasons of calling '*Taj Mahal* as a very good example of Mughal architecture'.
3. The Dome of *Gole Gumbad* of Bijapur is a double layered roofing dome. Keeping this fact in mind draw a picture and write about the style of double layered bulbous dome.
4. Write the name and colour of stone used in the construction of *Taj Mahal*.

6.7 ANSWERS OF INTEXT QUESTIONS

- 6.2 (a) Victory, (b) Marble, (c) Indo Turkish Architecture
6.3 (a) Memorial, Mumtaz, (b) Yamuna river, Agra, (c) White marbel stone
6.4 (a) Baked bricks, (b) Muhammad Adil Shah, (c) Bijapur

6.8 GLOSSARY

Indo-Islamic	-	a new style in which elements are combined both from Indian and Islamic style.
Scriptures	-	religious book
Stucco	-	kind of plaster
Mortar	-	mixture of lime-sand and water used for cementing stone or circles in a building.
Inscription	-	writings on monument, metal plates, stone etc.

6.9 EXTENDED ACTIVITIES AND ABILITIES

If possible find out the occasion (s) of visiting DELHI, AGRA and BIJAPUR to have a first hand experiences of observing and enjoying the beauty of historical monuments like *Qutab-minar*, *Taj Mahal* and *Gole Gumbad*.

Mughal School

7.0 INTRODUCTION :

Mughal evolution of miniature paintings was originated in Persia and continued for about three centuries in India. The tradition of miniature painting went on from one generation to another with fresh touch. The first Mughal emperor of India was Babur who was a man of aesthetic sensibilities. His son Humayun patronized the art of miniature painting and brought a few Persian artists to India. Notable names were Abdus Samad, Mir Sayyid Ali. It was from these artists that Humayun and his son Akbar took lessons in drawing.

The first major works of Mughal miniature were probably begun under Humayun but was completed under Akbar. During his period miniature paintings were lively and realistic and even contain elements of individual portraiture. After Akbar, his son Jahangir became the emperor. In his time mughal paintings achieved its zenith, both as decorative art and the nature study. Farukh Baigh, Aqa Raja, and Ustad Mansur were main painters during his period. Miniature paintings of the court of Jahangir's son, Shah Jahan show the first sign of decline.

Miniature paintings are small format of paintings which were usually executed with minute details. Paper was carefully burnished and preliminary drawing was made with red ink. Then the paper was coated with thin wash of white pigment. On this surface painting was done with tempera colours. Finally gold was used where necessary and complete painting was again burnished.

7.1 OBJECTIVES:-

After studying this lesson, the learner will be able to:

- explain briefly the background and evolution of Mughal miniature paintings.
- state the names of enlisted Mughal miniature paintings.
- identify the enlisted Mughal miniature paintings from others.
- mention the main characteristics of enlisted miniature paintings.
- describe the method and materials used, place and style of enlisted miniature paintings.
- name the artists of the enlisted paintings.

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Bird Catching at Baran

7.2 BIRD CATCHING AT BARAN

Title	-	<i>Bird Catching at Baran</i>
Artist	-	<i>Bhag</i>
Medium	-	<i>Tempra</i>
Period	-	<i>Akbar</i>
Style	-	<i>Miniature</i>
Collection	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

Manuscripts illustrated by the painters of the court of Akbar were the *Akbar Nama*, the *Razam Nama* (the Persian translation of the Mahabharata), *Anwar-i-Suhayli*, a book of fables and *Babur Nama*. A painting *Bird Catching at Baran* from Babur Nama has special mention. This painting in tempera technique was done on paper by Bhag. The painting is full of natural surroundings. A bird catcher has spread a net under a tree and is hiding behind the tree and covering himself with a red screen. In the foreground a pond is full of lotus flowers where a pair of hoopoes, sarus, snippets, duck and other birds have gathered to drink water. Few birds have fallen prey in the net. Indeed, this is a very beautiful study of birds. The appearance and colour of birds, trees, flowers and mountains are quit natural, which is a specialty of Akbar period.

IN-TEXT QUESTIONS (7.2)

Fill in the blanks:

1. *Razam Nama* was illustrated during the period of _____.
2. Bird catching at *Baran* was done in _____ technique.
3. The name of artist of this painting is _____.

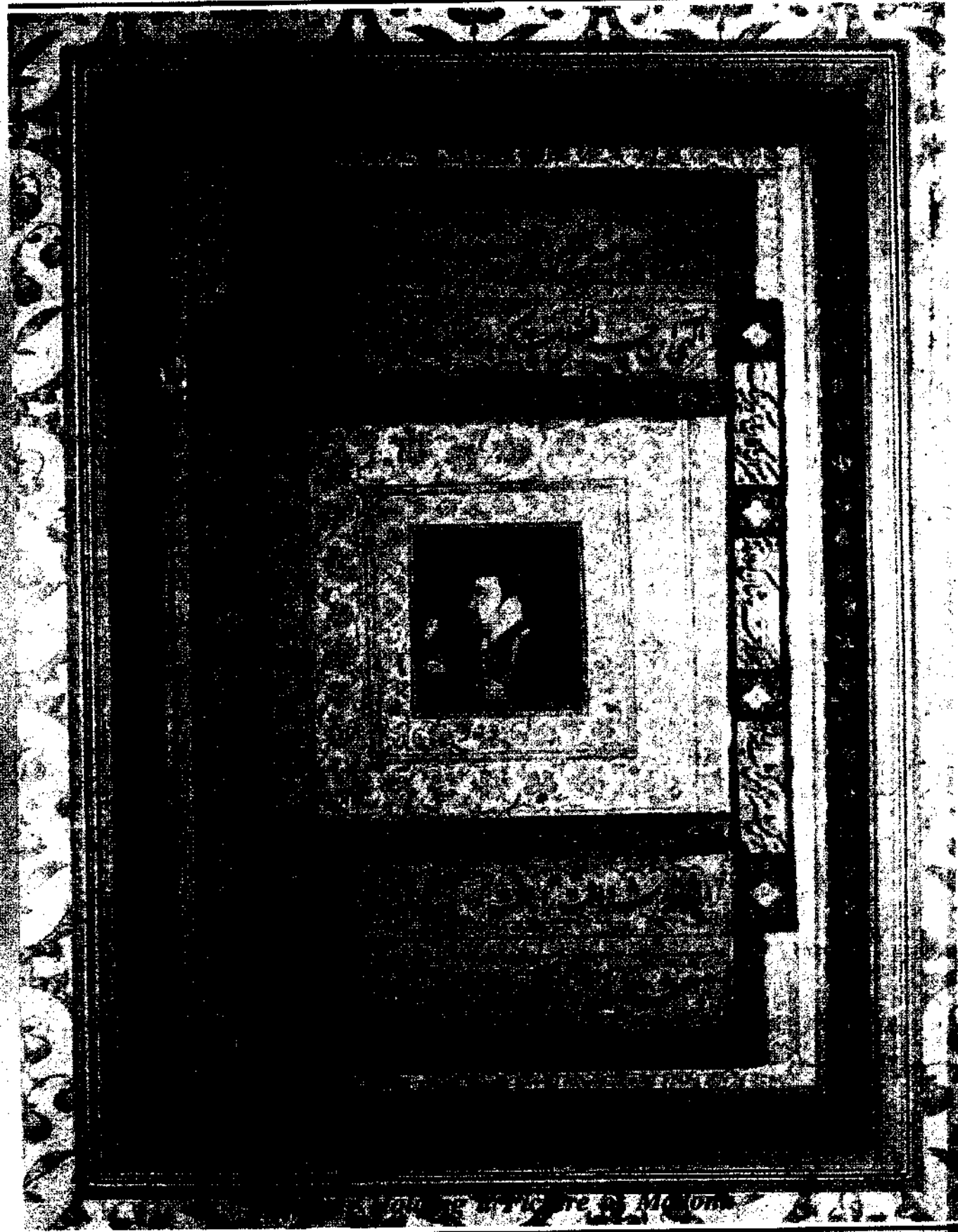


Figure 1. Picture of Madonna

7.3 JAHANGIR HOLDING A PICTURE OF MADONA

Title	-	<i>Jahangir holding a picture of Madonna</i>
Artist	-	<i>Abul Hasan</i>
Medium	-	<i>Tempera</i>
Style	-	<i>Miniature</i>
Collection	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>
Period	-	<i>Jahangir</i>

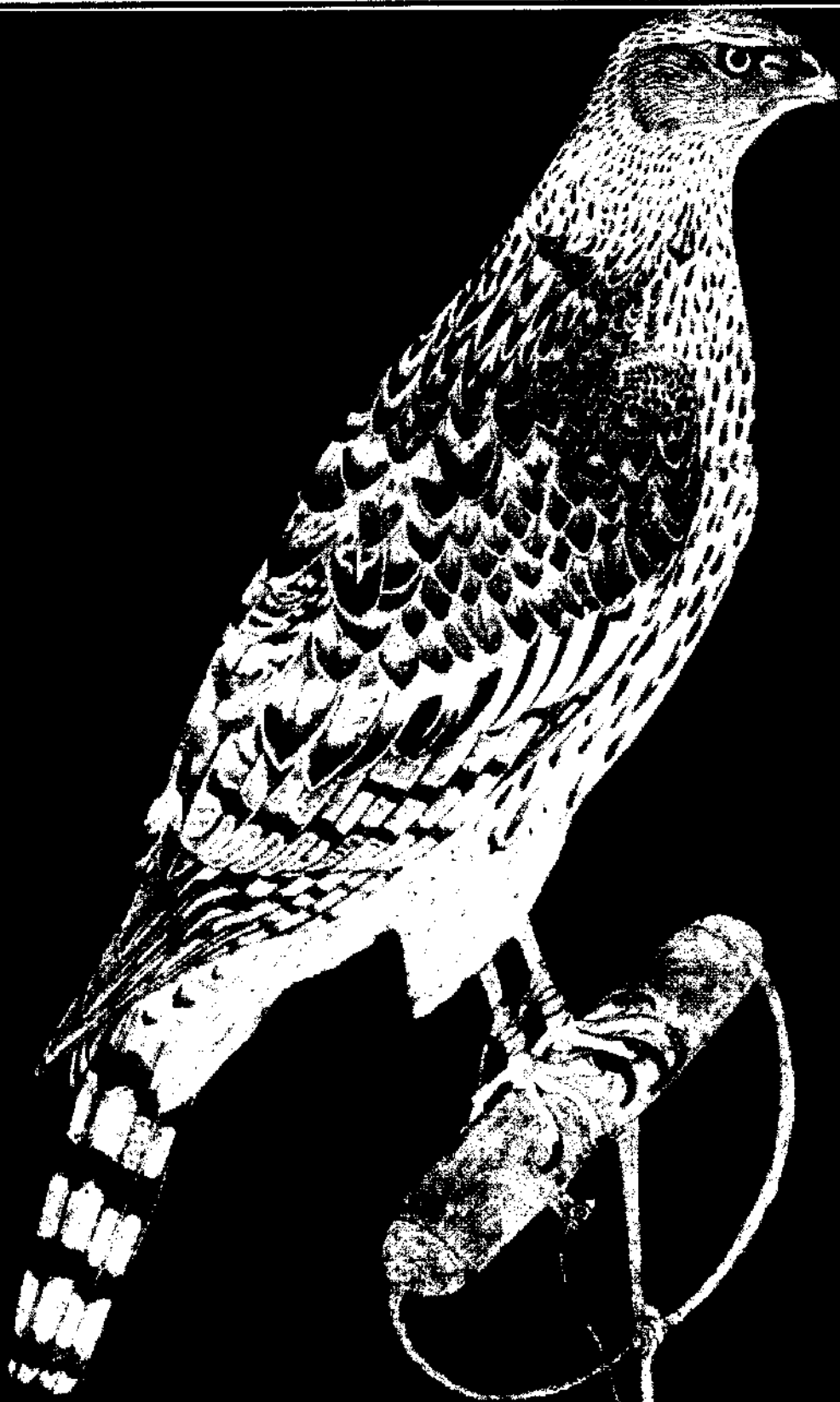
General description

Abul Hasan did portrait of *Jahangir holding a picture of Madonna* in 1620. As tempera on paper was common in practice, this painting is also done in same technique. Jahangir is shown holding a picture of Madonna and having a close look at it. Jahangir is painted in the centre with decorated borders with scripture on some of it. This painting has an influence of western style. The portrait in profile has prominent nose, big head, soft colours and golden appearance, which is the main characteristics of Jahangir school.

IN TEXT QUESTIONS : (7.3)

Mark (✓) against correct answer of the following questions:

- Jahangir holding the picture of Madonna is painted by :
(A) Ustad Mansur (b) Abul Hasan (C) Abdus Samad
- The portrait of Jahangir was done in :
(A) Profile (B) Front (C) Semi-profile.
- The portrait has
(A) Prominent ear (B) Prominent eye (C) Prominent nose



Falcon on a Bird Rest

7.4 FALCON ON A BIRD REST

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Falcon on a Bird Rest</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Ustad Mansur</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Tempera</i>
<i>Style</i>	-	<i>Miniature</i>
<i>Time</i>	-	<i>Jehangir</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi.</i>

General Description

Ustad Mansur was one of the notable painters in Jehangir court. He was chiefly known for his wonderful studies of bird life but he was also one of the best Mughal portrait painters. There was no doubt the practice of drawing from live model familiar during Jehangir which led to remarkable achievement in portraiture. 'Falcon on a Bird Rest' is a superb example of Ustad Mansur's work. Detailed study of Falcon is easily noticeable in this painting. It seems that this falcon is a tamed bird and painted in tempera technique with realistic details. The falcon is painted in white and brown colours against a contrast yellow background. Its sharp beak and round vigilant eyes are painted in shades of deep yellow ochre. A patch of light blue delineates the feathers on the back of its neck. The bird is fastened with a weight and a string hanging beautifully around its neck. Probably this falcon was a gift from Shah Abbas, the emperor of Iran.

IN TEXT QUESTIONS (7.4)

Mark (✓) against correct answer of the following questions:

- Falcon on a bird rest is a painting in
(A) Realistic style (B) Abstract style (C) Semi realistic style
- The falcon is painted in
(A) Red & blue colours (B) Brown & White colours (C) Brown & Red colours
- Ustad Mansur was chiefly known for his
(A) Landscape study (B) Bird life study (C) Foliage study.
- Practice of drawing from living model was familiar during
(A) Akabr period (B) Jehangir Period (C) Humayun period.



Kabir and Raidas

Title	-	'Kabir and Raidas'
Artist	-	Faqir - Ullah
Medium	-	Tempra
Style	-	Miniature
Period	-	Shah Jahan
Collection	-	National Museum, New Delhi

General description

The period of Shah Jahan was an age of gold. But during his time miniature paintings first shows the sign of decline. The works are perfect but lifeless.

Under Shah Jahan the pattern set under Jahangir was followed in both miniatures and manuscript illustrations. Portraits continued to occupy much of the time of the court painters. There was more feminine touch, an added softness in the drawing of portraits. A new tendencies of naturalism in figure drawing and realistic drapery was developed.

The painting 'Kabir and Raidas' is a documented example of respect given to religious saints by Mughals. Ustad Fakir - Ullah did this tempera painting on paper. He was the head painter of Shah Jahan's Workshop. In a rural background saint Kabir is painted, besides his hut, weaving. The portraits of Kabir and Raidas are realistic study, while the background fades in the mist. Saint Raidas is sitting close by with a *mala* of beads. Both are in deep meditation. There is a divine peace on their faces. This painting brings forth the simple and peaceful life in Indian village. A blue border focuses the painting which is painted in brown shades.

IN TEXT QUESTIONS (7.5)

Circle the correct answer of the followings:

- The border of the painting is painted in
(A) Blue shades (B) Green shades (C) Brown shades
- 'Kabir and Raidas' was painted by
(A) Fakir - Ullah (B) Nadir (C) Mansoor
- The period of Shah Jahan was the period of
(A) Bronze (B) Silver (C) Gold

Marriage Procession of Dara Shikoh



7.6 MARRIAGE PROCESSION OF DARA SHIKOH

Title	:	<i>"Marriage Procession of Dara Shikoh"</i>
Artist	:	<i>Haji Madani</i>
Medium	:	<i>Tempra</i>
Style	:	<i>Miniature</i>
Period	:	<i>Awadh school</i>
Collection	:	<i>National Museum, New Delhi.</i>

General description

Provincial art in Awadh became very powerful under Nawab Shuja-ud-Daula. It reached at its peak under Wajid Ali Shah. While keeping the basic Mughal style, the Awadh school developed a style of its own. There was tremendous emphasis on decoration and colours were softer.

'Marriage Procession of Dara Shikoh' was painted by Haji Madani on paper in tempera technique. In this painting Dara Shikoh with his *baratees* is riding on horse back. The prince is leading the procession. There are joyful men, women and young boys who are largely waiting for them. Dara Shikoh is wearing an *angarakha* and a veil of pearls. His father Shah Jahan who is shown with a halo around his head follows him. All the faces are shown either in profile or semi profile. The women are shown riding on elephants in the background. Alongside the drummer are beating their drums sitting on elephants. The dancing, clapping and singing crowds are dressed in bright colourful clothes decorated with gold. Some of the men from both the sides are holding candles. The perspective in the painting is maintained carefully. This painting depicts all flora and fauna.

IN TEXT QUESTIONS (7.6)

Fill in the blanks :

1. Marriage Procession of Dara Shikoh is painted by _____.
2. Shah Jahan is shown with a _____ around his head.
3. Women are shown riding on _____.
4. Provincial art reached at its peak under _____.

7.7 SUMMARY :

The first major works of Mughal miniature were probably begun under Humayun but was completed under Akbar. There were a few Persian artists along with Abdus Samad, Mir Sayyid Ali. During the period of Jehangir, the miniature paintings achieved its zenith both and decorative in study of nature. Farukh Baigh, Aqa Raja, Ustad Mansur were main painters in Jehangir's studio. Most of the paintings were executed in tempera technique in Shah Jahan's period. There were tremendous use of gold with lot of decoration keeping the mughal style. The Awadh school developed a style of its own.

7.7 MODEL QUESTIONS:

Give brief description of the following:

1. Write the technique used in miniature painting.
2. Describe the painting 'Falcon on the bird rest'.
3. Write the characteristics of Mughal Miniature painting.
4. Write on any painting done during Shah Jahan's period.
5. Describe the painting 'Marriage Procession of Dara Shikoh'.

7.8 ANSWER OF IN TEXT QUESTIONS

7.2 (1) Akbar (2) Tempera (3) Bhag

7.3 (1) B, (2) A, (3) C

7.4 (1) A, (2) B, (3) B, (4) B

7.5 (1) C, (2) A, (3) A

7.6 (1) Hazji Madani (2) halo (3) Elephants (4) Wajid Ali Shah

7.9 GLOSSARY

Persia	- an ancient empire located in west and south west asia.
Tradition	- from generation to generation
Aesthetics	- study of art in relation to the sense of beauty
Patronize	- To support
Realistic	- based on what is real and practical
Portraiture	- Study of the likeness of a person
Zenith	- highest point of state
Decline	- downward movement
Executed	- done
Preliminary	- first step
Pigment	- colour
Tempera	- any paint in which pigment is tempered (mixed) with a water-based binding medium-usually egg yolk.
Madonna	- Virgin Mary
Contrast	- uses of opposite colour
Delineate	- to trace the outline
Manuscript illustration	- hand written book illustration
Naturalism	- technique of rendering a subject as natural appearance
Drapery	- dress
Provincial	- belonging to a particular province (area)
Emphasis	- giving importance
Angarakha	- dress
Halo	- circle or ring around the head of a sacred person
Perspective	- technique of showing volumes and special relationship on a flat surface (paper).

Rajasthani School of Painting

8.0 INTRODUCTION

Rajasthani painting flourished from 16th C.A.D to 19th C.A.D. It was inspired and influenced by Jain manuscript painting of Gujarat. This painting style matured during 17th C.A.D. Its popularity spread all over Rajasthan and attained the appreciation of the common man and the royal court equally. Though the technique and style remained basically the same as that of mural of the classical period, but it borrowed few things from Mughal painting in the later period.

Rajasthani painting can be divided in four groups as Rajasthani School, Bundelkhand School, Pahari School and Sikh School. There are many centres in these regions, which are famous for these miniature paintings. Some of these centres are, Jaipur, Mewar, Malwa, Nathdwara, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Kota, Bundi, Kishengarh etc.

Themes of these paintings are mainly Puranic or Epic. Krishna-Leela is the most popular theme along with some stories of the Mahabharata and Ramayana. Folk lore of Rajasthan like Dhola-Maru and Roopmati and Baajbahadur are also illustrated in these paintings.

Characteristic Features

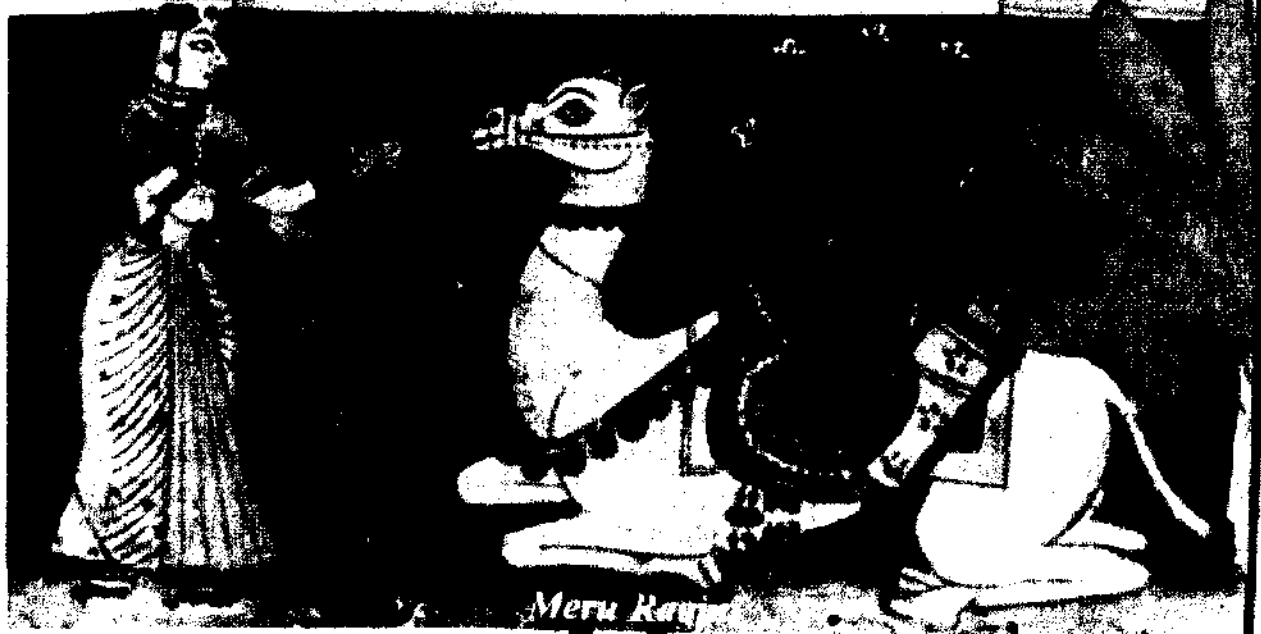
There is a lot of variety in the style of Rajasthani School in handling the natural scene, architectural structure and human figures.

Faces are generally shown in profile. Both the male and female figures show suppleness and emotion in their large eyes. The influence of the Mughal court is very clear in the dress and costumes. Same influence is notable in the drawings of building and palaces in these paintings during the later period.

8.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying this lesson, learner will be able to:

- describe the background, region, religious movements and influence of literature on the painting style;
- describe the enlisted art works with appreciation;
- differentiate the different styles of Pahari and Rajasthani School of painting;
- explain the characteristic features of these paintings;
- know about the medium, technique and style of the miniature paintings;
- know about the artists of these paintings and their names.



Meru Raj

8.2 MERU RAGINI

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Meru Ragini or Maru Ragini</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Tempera on hand made paper</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Circa 1650 A.D</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>6"X8"</i>
<i>Theme</i>	-	<i>Story of Dhola Maru</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Sahibdin</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

The love Story of Dhola Maru is very popular in Rajasthan and is narrated both in Murals and miniature paintings.

The composition of this painting is divided into two parts. Dhola and Maru are shown seated under a yellow canopy with a red curtain in the upper part of the composition. Dhola is dressed in typical aristocratic attire complete with weapons like sword and shield, facing his lover Maru in Rajasthani costume. The lower part of the composition shows Maru caressing her pet camel. Both the figures are prominent against a green background dotted with flower motifs. Stylised motifs of three trees are bringing a unity in the composition.

IN TEXT QUESTIONS (8.2)

Choose the right answer:-

- (a) The story of Dhola-Marua is popular in _____.
- (i) Bengal
 - (ii) Punjab
 - (iii) Bihar
 - (iv) Rajasthan
- (b) The date of this painting is _____.
- (i) 1880A.D
 - (ii) 1710 A.D
 - (iii) 1650 A.D
- (c) The composition of this painting is divided in _____.
- (i) Two parts
 - (ii) three parts
 - (iii) four parts
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Radha and Krishna (offering betel leaf to each other)

8.3 Radha and Krishna Offering betel leaf to each other

Title	-	Radha and Krishna
Medium	-	Tempra on hand made paper
Date	-	Between 1735 A.D to 1750 A.D
Size	-	42X25 cm.
Theme	-	Paan Mehphil.
Artist	-	Nihalchand
Collection	-	National Museum, New Delhi

General Description

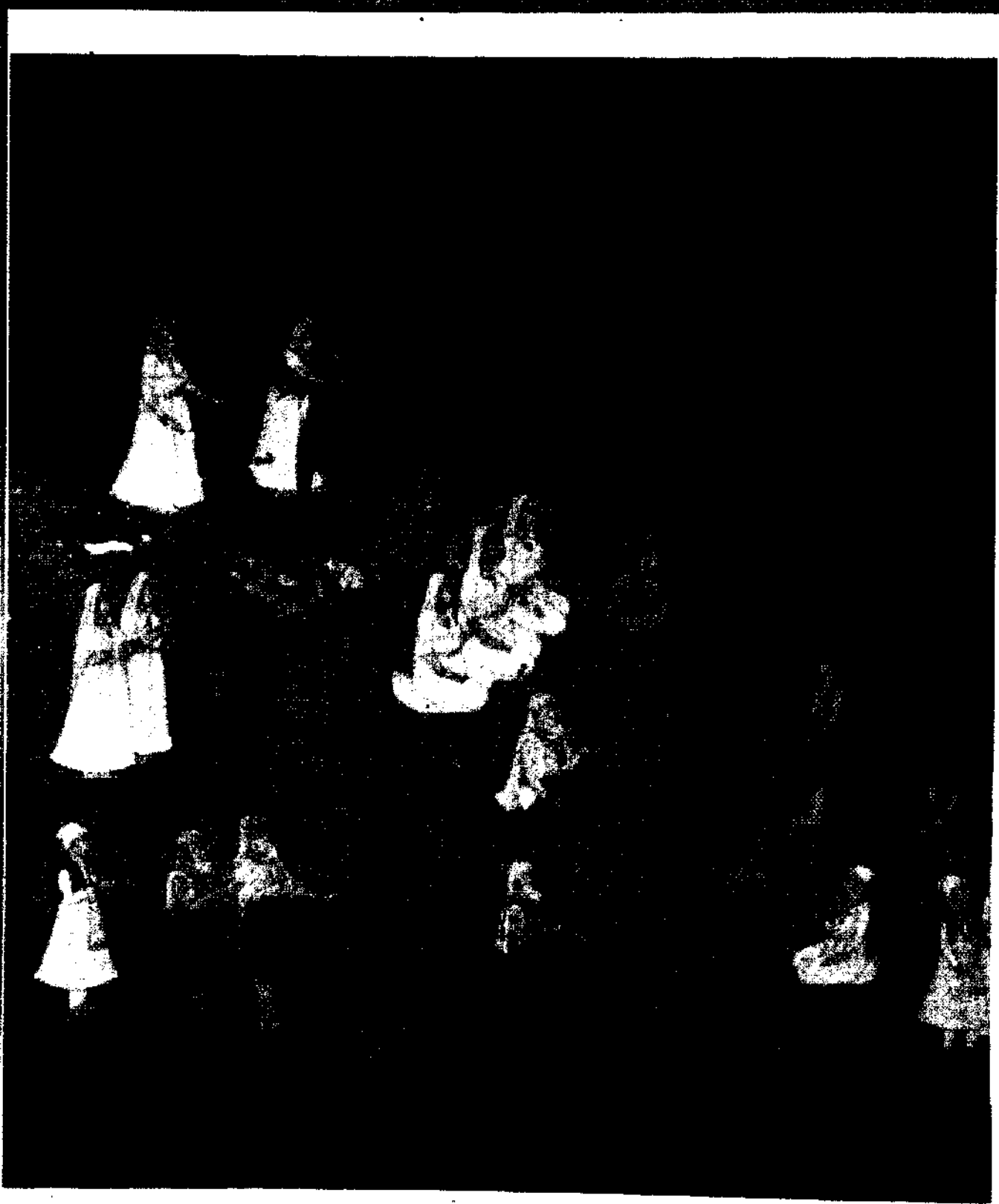
Radha and Krishna are dancing on a bed covered with a white sheet and offering *paan* (betel) to each other. They are attended by maid servants or *Gopinis*. There are some musicians to entertain them.

The painting is rendered in traditional Kishangarh style, which is particularly noticeable in the drawing of the eyes, nose and costume. The painting is one of the master pieces by famous painter Nihalchand. The colourful dresses of the figures are admirably set off by the chalky whiteness of the buildings in the background beyond the vast panorama of the lake. The suggestion of hills and jungles in the foreground gives a sense of depth in the space.

INTEXT QUESTION (8.3)

Fill up the blanks:—

- (a) The painting is rendered in _____ style.
 - (b) This is a masterpiece by famous painter _____.
 - (c) The theme of the painting is _____.
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Meeting of Rama and Bharata at Chitrakoot

8.4 MEETING OF RAMA AND BHARATA AT CHITRAKOOT

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Bharat Milap</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Tempera on hand made paper</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>1740 A.D</i>
<i>Style</i>	-	<i>Jaipur School</i>
<i>Theme</i>	-	<i>Rama meets Bharata at Chitrakoot</i>
<i>Artist's Name</i>	-	<i>Guman</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

This one is a very popular episode of Ramayana, largely known as 'Bharat-Milap'. The painting depicts the emotional moment when Bharat, the younger brother of Rama is trying to take him back home. The whole incident is taking place at the jungle of Chitrakoot where Rama stayed for few days. The artist has created a perfect atmosphere of hermitage with a small hut and different kinds of plants and trees. The serenity and simplicity of the landscape enhances the mood of the painting.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (8.4)

Fill up the blanks -

- (a) The date of this painting is _____.
- (b) The painting belongs to _____ school.
- (c) This painting is painted by _____.

Vani Thani of Kishangarh School



BANI THANI OF KISHANGARH SCHOOL

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Bani Thani</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>1750 A.D</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Tempera on hand made paper</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>19 cm x 25 cm</i>
<i>Style</i>	-	<i>Kishangarh school</i>
<i>Artist's name</i>	-	<i>Nihal Chand</i>
<i>Collection :</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

This painting by Nihalchand of Kishangarh of Rajasthani School has a special place in the treasure of Indian miniature painting. The style is characterized by emphatic lengthening of the eyes and nose. Faces are mostly in profile with a very stylized eye brow and smile on the lips. The painter was inspired by the poem of Raja Sawant Singh, who describes the beauty of a lady called "Vani Thani" in his poem. The beauty of this woman is symbolically used to describe the beauty of Sri Radha. As a master painter Nihalchand could go beyond the mundane to the spiritual in this portrait. The smile of Vani Thani is often compared with the smile of Mona Lisa.

INTEXT QUESTIONS: (8.5)

Fill up the blanks

- The date of the painting Vanithani is _____.
- The artist of this painting is _____.
- This painting is painted in _____ style.

8.6 SUMMARY

Rajasthani painting flourished from the 16th-19th centuries in the areas like Rajwara, Rajasthan, Rajputana etc. The Rajasthani miniature painters assimilated different styles and techniques both from the old school like, Ajanta, Gujrati palm-leaf painting and contemporary styles of Persia, Mughal and even European art. The early Rajasthani painting schools like Mewar, Bundi, Malwa, Bikaner, Kishangarh and other small city-states became prolific centres of this style. Various themes were used by these painters, which included Ramayana, Mahabharata, Geeta-Govindam, life of common people and local love-stories.

8.7 MODEL QUESTIONS

1. Mention the themes of Rajasthani painting.
2. Name the important centres of Rajasthani paintings.
3. Describe the painting on the story of Dholu-Maru.
4. Describe the characteristic features of the painting "Vani-thani".

8.8 ANSWERS OF INTEXT QUESTIONS

- 8.2 (a) Rajasthan (b) Circa 1650 A.D (c) Two parts
- 8.3 (a) Kishangarh style (b) Nihalchand (c) Radha and Krishna are offering *paan* to each other.
- 8.4 (a) 1740 A.D (b) Jaipur (c) Guman
- 8.5 (a) 1750 A.D (b) Nihalchand (c) Kishangarh style

8.9 GLOSSARY

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| 1. Mural | - Wall painting |
| 2. Miniature painting | - small size painting. |
| 3. Tempera | - painting with pigments mixed with egg on other binder. Opaque in nature. |
| 4. Manuscript | - book written by the hand. |
| 5. Profile | - sideface |
| 6. Ragini | - Indian form of music |
| 7. Fore ground | - front part of the space |
| 8. panorama | - a wide view |

Pahari School of Miniature Painting

9.0 INTRODUCTION

A new style that was developed in the Himalaya foot-hills of Punjab, Garhwal and Jammu is known as "Pahari Qualam" or Pahari school of painting. The local folk art form of this area was influenced by painters of Mughal court when they took shelter in the Hindu states of this area due to the invasion of Nadir Shah. Pahari Qualam is a beautiful combination of natural beauty of this region and the glamour of Mughal court of Delhi. Under the patronage of the small kings of the hill-states, it spread through Jammu to Tehri and Pathankot to Kullu. The painters maintained the indigenous style in spite of the Mughal influence. The Pahari school narrates Indian Mythological and religious stories. Portrait paintings were also very popular among the patrons of this school. Though the characters are from Hindu religious stories, they are sometimes shown in Mughal costumes. The artists of Jammu, Kangra and Guler combined the best aspects of Mughal and Rajasthan styles. The main centres of Pahari school were Basholi, Guler, Kangra, Chamba, Mandi, Kullu, Bilaspur, Jammu, Nalagarh, Garhwal, Kashmir, Dharamshala etc.

Themes of Pahari miniature paintings are influenced by classical literature, music and local cultures. The painters are masters in expressing the beauty of nature and women.

These paintings are done on handmade paper, which is made of bamboo, cotton and other materials. These are popularly known as "Sialkoti paper". After the lines are drawn on the paper, it is given a coat of white colour. The surface of the paper is polished by rubbing a smooth stone on it and colours are applied on this surface. The painters also used stencils to reproduce more copies of the painting.

Pahari school began to decline in the 19th C.A.D., not before it achieved excellence in the art of miniature painting. The school is characterised by its tender colouring, sensitive and emotional style and more convincing use of perspective and foreshortening.

9.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying this lesson the learner will be able to -

- describe the background, region, contribution of Mughal court, religions and literature;
- describe the enlisted art-works with appreciation;
- differentiate between the styles of Rajasthani school and Pahari school;
- explain the characteristic features of these paintings;
- identify the medium, technique and style of Pahari school painting;
- state of the names of painter's and their paintings.



Krishna Waiting for Radha

9.2 KRISHNA WAITING FOR RADHA

Title	-	<i>Krishna waiting for Radha</i>
Medium	-	<i>Tempera on Sialkoti paper</i>
Period	-	<i>1730 A.D.</i>
Size	-	<i>12.2"x8.1"</i>
Theme	-	<i>A very popular theme of Krisna Leela</i>
Style	-	<i>Basholi</i>
Artist	-	<i>Manku</i>
Technique	-	<i>Tempera</i>
Collection	-	<i>National Museum New Delhi</i>

General Description

"Geet Govinda" was written by Bengali poet Jaidev on 'Krisna-Leela' during 11th C.A.D. and became very popular all over India. The painters of Basholi were influenced by poetic descriptions of "Krisna-Leela" and used these most romantically in their paintings. This painting is one of those, in which Krisna, Radha and her friends are shown. The allegorical presentation of Krisna and Radha as *Paramatma* (Supreme being) and *Atma* (human being) respectively and the Gopinis (friends) as '*Guru*' (Preceptor), elevate the theme to a spiritual level. The *Guru* persuades a person to meet "*Paramatma*", as Gopinis are trying to convince Radha to meet waiting Krishna.

Basholi paintings are characteristic by flat backgrounds with simplified forms of trees. Faces are in profile and colour are warm and bright.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (9.2)

Choose the right answer

(a) This painting belong to the style of

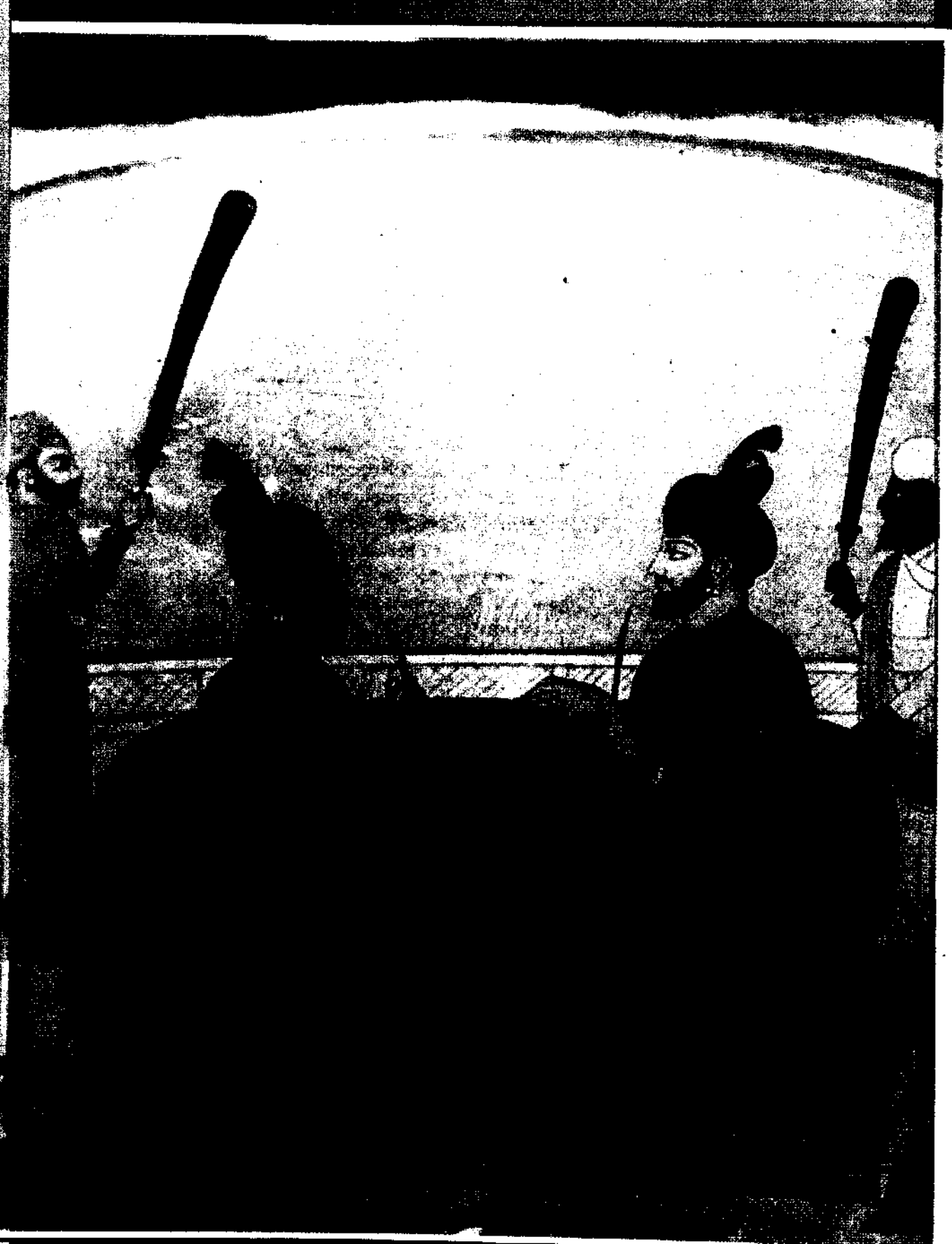
- (i) Kishan garh
- (ii) Basholi
- (iii) Chamba

(b) The painter was inspired by the following book

- (i) Shri Madbhagavat
- (ii) Mahabharata
- (iii) Geeta-Govinda

(c) Match the following

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|--------------|-----------------|
| (i) Radha | (i) Atma |
| (ii) Krisna | (ii) Guru |
| (iii) Gopini | (iii) Paramatma |



9.3 KING OF CHAMBA JIT SINGH AND KING OF KANGRA SANSAR CHAND

Title	- <i>King of Chamba and king of Kangra</i>
Medium	- <i>Water colours</i>
Period	- <i>Circa 1800 A.D</i>
Size	- <i>28.5 X 22cm.</i>
Theme	- <i>Chamba king Jeet Sing and Kangra king Sansar Chand in a courtesy meeting</i>
Technique	- <i>Tempra</i>
Material	- <i>Paper (hand made)</i>
Artist	- <i>NainSukh</i>
Collection	- <i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

Raja Sansar Chand was a great admirer and patron of art. His time was a golden age of Indian painting of the pahari school. The painting documents the friendship of two rulers of Pahari States and art-lovers. Raja Jeet Singh of Chamba and Raja Sansar Chand are relaxing and smoking from Hukka. In a background of yellow space and blue sky, the Royal costumes appear very colourful. The kings are flanked by attendants. This is a very good example of portraiture of pahari school of Kangra.

INTEXT QUESTIONS: (9.3)

Fill up the blanks

- This painting is painted by _____.
- This painting belongs to _____ school.
- The enlisted painting is a good example of _____ Pahari School.

9.4 SUMMARY

Pahari School of painting is quite distinct from Rajasthani school. This region was more exposed to different religious beliefs and Mughal influence. The school is famous for beautiful flowing lines and brilliant colours. The court painting of portraits become popular along with literary, mythical and secular themes. The painters of Pahari School were great lovers of nature and depicted nature with care and love in their paintings.

9.5 ANSWER OF INTEXT QUESTIONS.

- 9.2 (a) (ii) Basholi
(b) (iii) Geeta Govinda
(c) Radha - Atma
Krisna - Paramatma
Gopini - Guru
- 9.3. (a) Nainsukh
(b) Pahari School
(c) Portraiture

9.6 MODEL QUESTIONS

1. Describe the main theme of Pahari painting.
2. What do you know about the characteristic features of Pahari painting.
3. Describe the painting "Krisna is waiting for Radha".
4. Throw some light on the technique of Pahari miniature painting.

9.7 GLOSSARY

- Krishna-Leela - Different stories about Krishna
- Allegorical - 1. Symbolic narration 2. Picture reverting a hidden meaning
- Secular - Non religious subjects
- Foreshorten - 1. Represent as having less depth or distance than reality, so as to convey an effect of perspective.
2. Shorten or reduce in time or scale.

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Art of Indus Valley Civilization

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The first discoveries of the Indus Valley Civilization were made at the site of Harappa near Sindh province (Now in Pakistan). Thus it is also known as Harappa Civilization. Later excavations prove that the civilization had far greater extension to Mohanjo-Daro and other cities.

Lot of art and craft objects have been discovered from these sites during excavations. These include statuettes, toys, seals, jewellery, pottery and tools. Most scholars believe this civilization had flourished between 2500 B.C. to 1750 B.C.

An attempt will be made to impart knowledge about the arts and crafts of this period by selecting four art works for the lessons.

1.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying this lesson the learner will be able to:

- know about the date of Harappa civilization;
- name the artwork which are mentioned in this lesson;
- describe the site of finding, size, style, colour, and place of collection of the enlisted art objects;
- mention the main characteristics of the enlisted art objects of this period;
- differentiate and identify characteristics of the enlisted art works.



Mother Goddess



Seal with Bull Design

1.3 SEAL WITH BULL DESIGN

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Seal with Bull Design</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Steatite</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Harappa period circa 2500 B.C.</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	-	<i>Mohanjo-Daro</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>2.5X2.5X1.4.cm.</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

The seal is made of steatite and has an elaborate intaglio design of a bull as a symbol of power and strength, which has been achieved by exaggerating the size of the hump and the horns. The diagonal linear motif of the neck express the youthful energy of the animal.

There are some writings on the upper part of the seal, which are not yet deciphered.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (1.3)

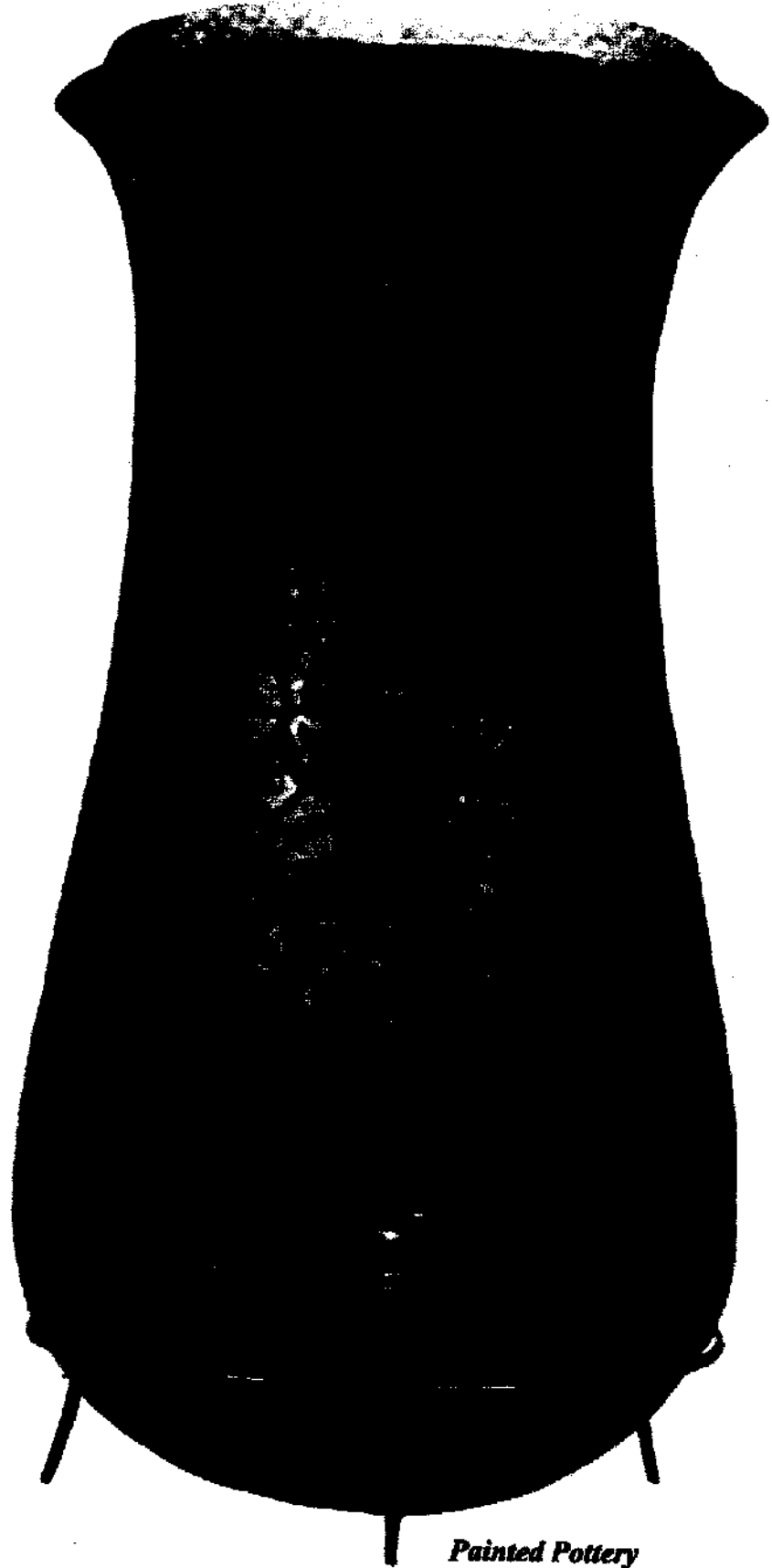
Choose the right answer.

(a) The seal is made of

- (i) clay
- (ii) stone dust
- (iii) steatite

(b) This seal was found at

- (i) Harappa
 - (ii) Mohanjo-Daro
 - (iii) Chanho-Daro
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Painted Pottery

1.4 PAINTED POTTERY

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Storage Jar</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Clay</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Harappa period circa 2500 B.C.</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	-	<i>Mohanjodaro</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>Height 21¼"</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

This jar is made on a Potters wheel with clay. The shape was manipulated by the pressure of the crafty fingers of the Potter. After baking the clay model, it was painted with black colour. The motifs are of vegetals and geometric forms. Designs are simple but with a tendency towards abstraction. High polished is used as a finishing touch.

INTEXT QUESTION (1.4)

Choose the right answer:-

- (a) The Jar is made
- (i) with Tools
 - (ii) on Potter's wheel
 - (iii) with Chisel
- (b) The date of the Jar is
- (i) 1st C.A.D.
 - (ii) 6th C.A.D.
 - (iii) circa 2500 B.C
- (c) The size of the jar is
- (i) 24½"
 - (ii) 21¼"
 - (iii) 30¾"

1.2 MOTHER GODDESS

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Mother Goddess</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Terra cotta</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Harappa period circa 2500 B.C</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	-	<i>Mohanjodaro</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>8.5X3.4.cm</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

This statue is made of clay and then baked in fire as per the terra cotta process. This figurine is one of the finest example of terra cotta. The baking is perfectly done to achieve an unblemished red colour. Some scholars have identified it as "mother goddess".

The headgear of this statue, interestingly, comprises of two small bowl-like forms on both sides of the head. These were probably used as lamps. These are again balanced by another form in the middle of the head which is supposed to be an elaborate hair-style. The figure is wearing a miniskirt with a broad belt to hold it in place. The figure is adorned with all kinds of jewellery.

INTEXT QUESTION (1.2)

(1) Fill up the blanks

- The Mother Goddess statue is made of ".....".
- This was found at the site of ".....".
- The figure is wearing a ".....".



Jewellery

1.5 JEWELLERY

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Jade Necklace</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Jade</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Harappa period circa 2500 B.C.</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	-	<i>Mohanjo-Daro</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>Diameter 5.5cm.</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

Jewellery was found in great abundance and variety at Indus Valley sites. Lot of Gold, Silver or Jade Necklace, ear rings, pendants, belts and bangles were found.

This Jade Necklace is an excellent example of craftsmanship and designing. This is made of 30 round beads and six oval beads. Three lockets in the middle part of the Necklace enhance its beauty.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (1.5)

Choose the right answer

- (a) The necklace is made of
- (i) Diamond
 - (ii) Ruby
 - (iii) Jade
- (b) The number of lockets are
- (i) Two
 - (ii) Five
 - (iii) Three
- (c) Now it is in the collection of
- (i) Indian Museum, Kolkata
 - (ii) National Museum, New Delhi
 - (iii) Lahore Museum, Pakistan
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1.6 SUMMARY

The artists and craftsmen of Harappa culture were extremely skilled in handling all kinds of material like metal, stone carving terra cotta and painting pottery. These artists preferred to use simplified motifs of animals, birds and plants. It is very clear that they were influenced and motivated by their religious beliefs and the cult of Siva and Shakti is very prominent in all their artworks.

1.7 ANSWER OF INTEXT QUESTION

- 1.2 (a) Terracotta (b) Mohanjo-Daro (c) Mini-skirt
1.3 (a) Steatite (b) Mohanjo-Daro
1.4 (a) Potter's wheel (b) Ca. 2500 B.C
(c) 51 cm
1.5 (a) Jade (b) Three
(c) National Museum, New Delhi

1.8 MODEL QUESTIONS

1. Write an appreciative note on any one artworks of Indus Valley civilization.
2. What do you know about terracotta?
3. Describe some features of Indus Valley Art.

1.9 GLOSSARY

Steatite	-	Soapstone
Intaglio	-	incised carving
Diagonal	-	going from corner to other corner.
Motif	-	form, shape, figures in a design
Deciphered	-	To read a new script
Baking	-	To give permanency to clay by the heat of fire
Jade	-	Dark green precious stone
Terracotta	-	Hard fired clay
Cult	-	Religious belief

Art from Maurya to Gupta Period (4th C.B.C to 6th C.A.D)

2.0 INTRODUCTION

Chandragupta Maurya established an empire in India in the 4th C.B.C. For the first time, large portions of the subcontinent were unified politically. Chandragupta's grandson Ashoka was the most powerful and popular emperor of this dynasty. He was a great lover of art and architecture. Out of his contribution to art, few pillars or Sthambhas and sculptures remain. These are found throughout his vast empire, particularly in and around Magadha.

After the decline of the Maurya dynasty, the Sungas were the rulers of this empire. The Sunga and Satvahana period, that followed, contributed both in the field of Architecture and Sculpture. Most of these were related to Buddhism. The finest examples are the *Stupas* of Bharhut and Sanchi. The Kushanas arrived from the north western part of China and built an empire in the Northern part of India. Gandhara was the region situated on the western bank of the Indus river. The most important contribution of this school was the creation of the Buddha image. Buddha image appeared simultaneously in Gandhara and Mathura.

When the Gupta dynasty took over power from the Kusanas, it turned into a golden age for art and architecture. Artists of this age obtained great refinement in every form of art.

Few artworks have been selected for study to estimate the contribution of the Mauryas to the Guptas.

2.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying the lessons the learner will be able to:

- evaluate the artworks from Maurya to Gupta period;
- describe the size, style and place of these enlisted artworks;
- explain the characteristic features of these artworks;
- differentiate the evolution of style from period to period.



2.2 LION CAPITAL OF SARNATH

<i>Title</i>	–	<i>Lion Capital</i>
<i>Medium</i>	–	<i>Sand stone</i>
<i>Date</i>	–	<i>circa 3rd C.B.C</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	–	<i>Sarnath</i>
<i>Size</i>	–	<i>Height - 213.5 cm.</i>
<i>Artist</i>	–	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Collection</i>	–	<i>Sarnath Site Museum</i>

General Description

The sculpture of four lions grouped together, is the capital (Top part of a pillar) of the Sthambha of Sarnath's Deer park, which was created during the time of Ashoka. It is believed that it was at this site, Buddha preached his first sermon, thereby "turning the wheel of the law". It was excavated in 1905. The Chinese traveler Hsuan - Tsang mentioned of a seventy-foot high pillar with shining polish standing at the same site.

This composite sculpture shows a highly advanced form of art. This sculpture has been adopted as the emblem of Govt. of India

INTEXT QUESTIONS (2.2)

Choose the right answer:-

- (a) Lion capital of Sarnath is made of
 - (i) clay
 - (ii) marble
 - (iii) sand stone
 - (b) The Sthambha was erected during the time of
 - (i) Chandragupta
 - (ii) Asoka
 - (iii) Akbar
 - (c) The sculpture has been adopted as the emblem of
 - (i) Door darshan
 - (ii) Delhi Govt
 - (iii) Govt of India
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Charles Beeler

2.3 CHAURI BEARER

<i>Title</i>	—	<i>Chauri Bearer (yakshini)</i>
<i>Medium</i>	—	<i>Sand stone</i>
<i>Date</i>	—	<i>Circa 3rd C.B.C</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	—	<i>Didarganj, Patna</i>
<i>Size</i>	—	<i>Height 162.5 cm.</i>
<i>Artist</i>	—	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Collection</i>	—	<i>Patna Museum, Patna</i>

General Description

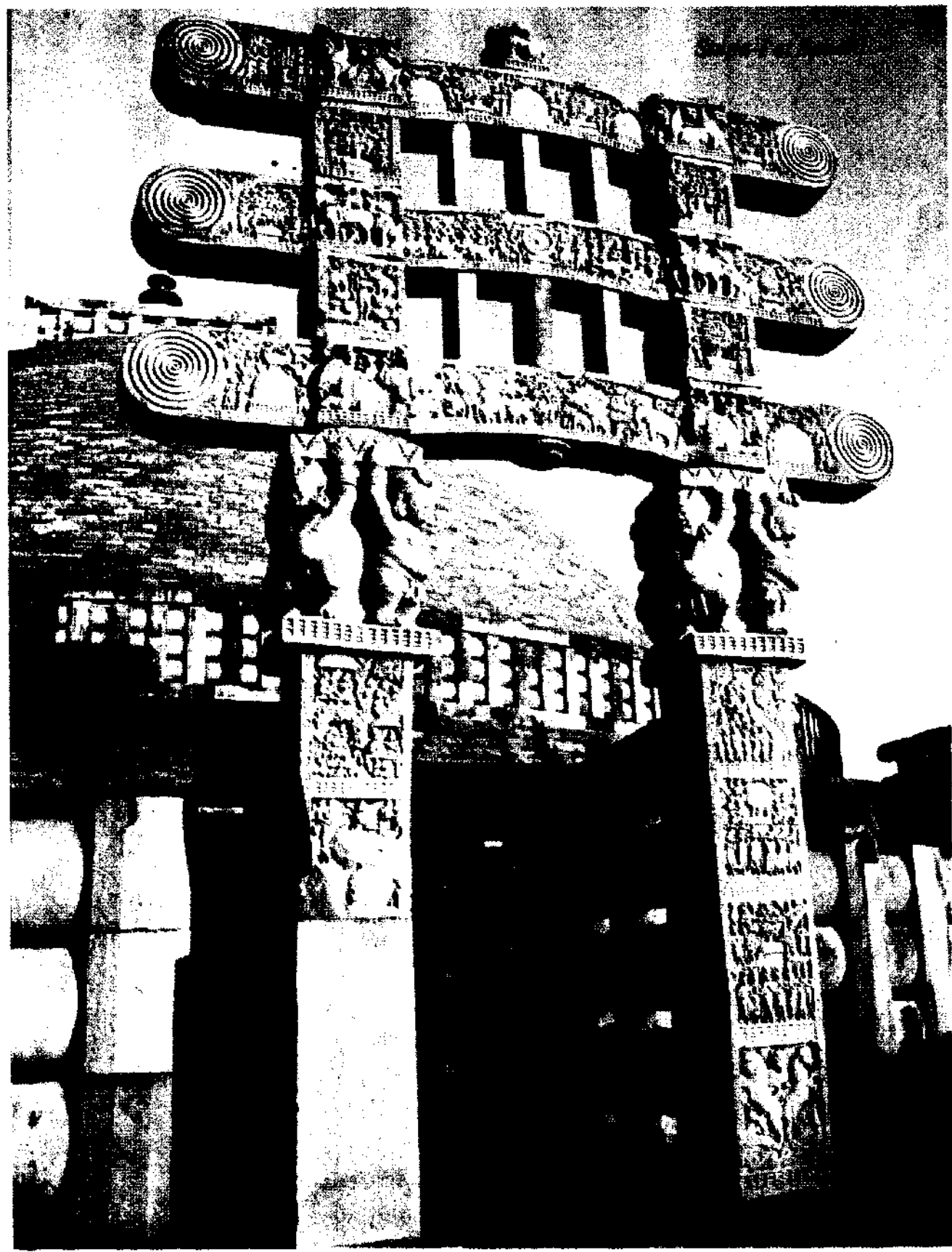
Because of the technique, surface refinement and high polish, scholars think that the beautiful life-sized sculpture belongs to the Maurya phase. This female figure is also identified as a Yakshini and is often mentioned as the “Mona Lisa” of Indian Art. The figure is carved in the round with the perfect modeling of a female body.

There are very few sculptures in Indian art that surpass its beauty.

INTEXT QUESTION (2.3)

Fill up the blanks

- (a) The Chauri bearer was found at “.....”.
 - (b) It belongs to Maurya period because it has “.....”.
 - (c) The Chauri bearer is mentioned as the Indian “.....”.
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2.4 STUPA-I AT SANCHI

<i>Title</i>	–	<i>The great Stupa of Sanchi</i>
<i>Medium</i>	–	<i>Sand stone</i>
<i>Date</i>	–	<i>circa 3rd C.B.C through 1st C.A.D</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	–	<i>Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh</i>
<i>Size</i>	–	<i>Diameter - 36 meters</i>
<i>Artist</i>	–	<i>Unknown</i>

General Description

Stupa I is the largest Stupa at Sanchi. It is known as Mahastupa. It was built during the time of Asoka, and was enlarged to the present size by the Sungas. Probably a portion of the relics of Sakyamuni (Buddha) was kept inside the Stupa. During the second half of first century B.C. the Satavahanas erected the four beautifully carved toranas or Gateways.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (2.4)

Fill up the blanks

- The relics of was kept inside the great Stupa.
- The largest Stupa of Sanchi is known as
- The four *Toranas* were erected by the Dynasty.



Jain Tirthankar

2.5 JAIN TIRTHANKAR

Title	–	<i>Jain Tirthankar</i>
Date	–	<i>Gupta period 5th C.A.D.</i>
Finding site	–	<i>Mathura</i>
Size	–	<i>95x60 cm</i>
Artist	–	<i>Unknown</i>
Collection	–	<i>State Museum, Lucknow, U.P.</i>

General Description

Many Jain images were found near Vidisa, which belonged to the early Gupta period. This image is of a Jain Tirthankar, seated on a square pedestal in *Vajraparyankasana mudra*. This image of Mahavira Swamy, the 24th Tirthankar, is made in the typical Buddhist and Jain style of the Kusana period.

In his teachings Mahavir Swamy laid emphasis on freeing the human being from the cycle of birth and death, which can be achieved by practicing Tri Ratna (three gems of action) like faith, righteous work and truthful words. The artist tried to express the Triratna in this image.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (2.5)

Choose the right answer

(a) The Jain Tirthankar Statue is now in

- (i) National Museum, N.Delhi
- (ii) Indian Museum, Kolkata
- (iii) State Museum, Lucknow

(b) The statue is in

- (i) Abhaya Mudra
- (ii) Bhumisparsa Mudra
- (iii) Vajraparyankasana Mudra

(c) The image is of

- (i) Buddha
- (ii) Mahavira
- (iii) Parsvanath.

Seated Buddha



2.6 SEATED BUDDHA

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Sarnath Buddha</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Buff Sand stone.</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Gupta period, 5 century A.D.</i>
<i>Finding Site</i>	-	<i>Sarnath, U.P.</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>Height - 160 cm.</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>Sarnath Site Museum, Sarnath</i>

General Description

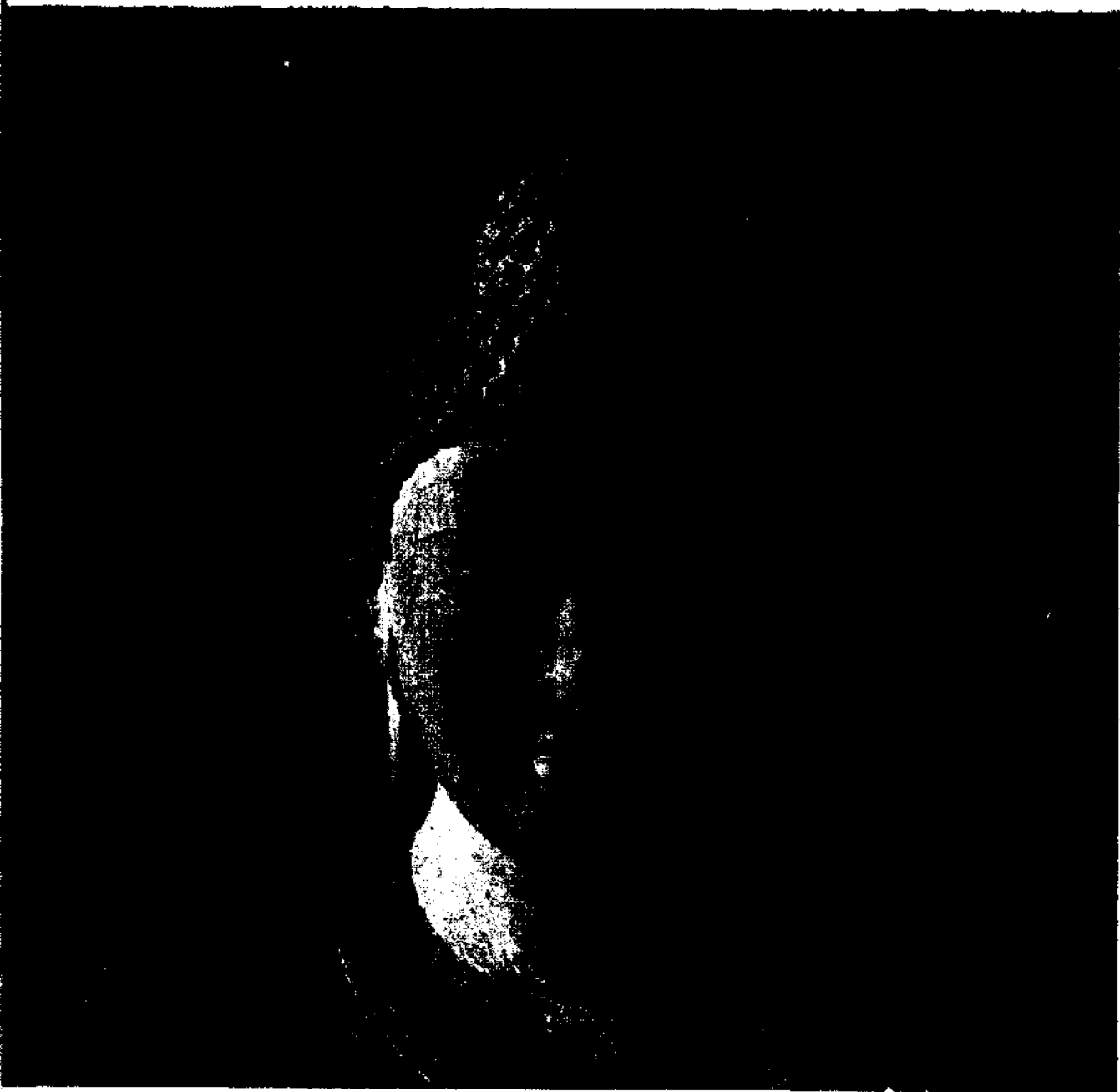
The beautiful figure is seated in Padmasan, with upturned soles. His hands are held in *Dharmachakramudra*. The ear lobes are long and the eyes are half-closed. The face is calm and has a spiritual expression. Behind the head is a huge halo covered with a beautiful floral decoration.

This sculpture is one of the best examples of Gupta art. The matured simplicity and rational use of ornamentation prove the greatness of the artist.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (2.6)

Fill up the blanks -

- (a) The beautiful figure is seated in Pose.
 - (b) Sarnath Buddha belongs Period.
 - (c) Hands of Sarnath Buddha are held in Mudra.
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Seated Buddha (Gandhara Style)

2.7 SEATED BUDDHA (GANDHARA STYLE)

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Seated Buddha</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Red Sand Stone</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Kusana period</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	-	<i>Katra-Tila, Mathura, U.P.</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>Height - 75 cm.</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>Government Museum, Mathura, U.P.</i>

General description

Gandhara is the old name of the territory on the western bank of the Indus river. The early school flourished during the first and second century A.D. came to its maturity during the time of the Kusanas. These sculptures were found from Taxila in the west to Samath in the east. The most important contribution of the Gandhara school was the creation of the Buddha image. This image shows realistic rendering of drapery and a tuft-like hair style on top of the head. One arm of this statue is missing, which probably was in *Abhaya Mudra*.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (2.7)

Fill up the blanks

- The seated Buddha belongs to the style.
- This statue is made of stone.
- The most important contribution of Gandhara school was the creation of image.

2.8 SUMMARY

The contribution of the period from 4th C.B.C to 6th C.A.D towards art and culture of India is most important. The art and culture of this period was influenced by varied religious beliefs like Hindu, Jain and Buddhist. All these religions were patronized by the ruler of different faiths and they were treated equally. Though Buddhists art spread all over India, the other religious arts also flourished in the same way. Buddha images were made for the first time by Gandhara and Mathura artists. Stupas were built with equal enthusiasm both in the Northern and Southern parts of India.

2.9 ANSWERS OF INTEXT QUESTIONS

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|-----|------------------------|-----|------------------------------|
| 2.2 | (a) Sand stone | 2.3 | (a) Didarganj |
| | (b) Ashoka | | (b) High polish |
| | (c) Govt. of India | | (c) Mona-Lisa |
| 2.4 | (a) Sakyamuni | 2.5 | (a) State museum of Lucknow |
| | (b) Mahastupa | | (b) Vajra Paryankasana Mudra |
| | (c) Satavahanas. | | (c) Mahavira |
| 2.6 | (a) Padmasana | 2.7 | (a) Gandhara style |
| | (b) Gupta period | | (b) Red sand stone |
| | (c) Dharmachakra mudra | | (c) Buddha |

2.10 MODEL QUESTIONS

1. What are the major contributions of the Mauryan to Buddhist art?
 2. Discuss the style of Gandhara Buddhist sculpture.
 3. Write the main features of the statue of Jain Tirthankara.
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2.11 GLOSSARY

Hsuan Tsang	-	Chinese traveller
Composite Sculpture	-	combined forms in one sculpture
Emblem	-	symbol of a state
Mona Lisa	-	Famous painting of Leonardo-da-Vinci
Modeling	-	brings illusion of volume
Relics	-	remains of a deceased person.
Tirthankar	-	One who has attained perfect knowledge
Mudra	-	Symbolic hand gesture
Spiritual	-	conscious thought and emotion
Drapery	-	clothes with folds
Tuft	-	bunch or cluster

3

Ajanta Caves

3.0 INTRODUCTION

Ajanta was a Buddhist settlement situated near Aurangabad in Maharashtra. It was discovered by some British soldiers. Some 29 caves have been cut from a horseshoe-shaped hillside. Paintings have been found in six of these caves. These caves are of two types viz. Chaityas and Viharas. Chaitya was a place for worship while the Vihara was the dwelling-place of the monks. The walls, ceiling and the front part of the Chaityas and Viharas are beautifully decorated with sculpture and painting. The themes of these art-works are based on Buddhist scriptures, and mainly the stories of Jataka.

The technical methods of Ajanta paintings is tempera. A rough mud Plaster, containing cowdung and animal hair was first pressed on the rocks. A coat of fine lime plaster was laid over it. The colour was applied after the ground was completely dry.

3.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying the lesson the learner will be able to:

- describe the arts of Ajanta caves;
- state the title of the enlisted wall paintings of Ajanta;
- explain the technique, method, size and style of these paintings;
- describe the characteristic features of Ajanta cave paintings.



Pratimayana Bodhisattva

3.2 PADMAPANI BODHISATTVA

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Padmapani Bodhisatva</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Tempera on wall</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Late 5th C.A.D.</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	-	<i>Ajanta cave No 1</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>5' 9½"</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Place</i>	-	<i>Ajanta, Aurangabad, Maharashtra</i>

General Description

This painting is considered to be a masterpiece of Indian art. The slightly inclined posture gives the suggestion of grace. The elegant features of the face and downcast eyes give an impression of serene meditation and compassion. The ornamentation is very rationally done. He wears a pearl and sapphire necklace. He is holding a blue lotus in his right hand. The size of the figure is quite large.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (3.2)

Fill in the blanks

- It is called Padmapani because the figure is holding a
- The medium of this painting is
- It is found in cave no of



Alvarado

3.3 MARA-VIJAY

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Mara-Vijaya</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Tempra on wall</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Gupta Vakataka 5th-6th century</i>
<i>Finding site</i>	-	<i>Ajanta cave No 1</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>12' X 8'</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Place</i>	-	<i>Aurangabad, Maharashtra</i>

General Description

Theme of Mara-Vijaya narrates the story of the conquest on all the vices and temptation of the material world by Budha during his meditation. In this painting, the defeat of the young women is shown, who tried to disturb the concentration of Buddha. The female figures are depicted in different postures and gestures of frustration and guilt feelings. The Ajanta painters were masters in portraying feminine emotions and elegance.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (3.3)

Choose the right answer

(a) The story of conquering temptation by Buddha is known as -

- (i) DigVijaya
- (ii) Tapasya
- (iii) Mara-Vijay

(b) The Mara Vijaya Painting is found in

- (i) Ajanta cave No 1
- (ii) Ajanta cave No 2
- (iii) Ajanta cave No 3

(c) Size of this painting is

- (1) 12'X20'
 - (2) 10'X10'
 - (3) 12'X8'
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3.4 SUMMARY

Almost all the caves of Ajanta belong to the Vakataka period. The paintings in cave No 1 are of later date than cave No.9 and 10. Though the subjects of these paintings are religious, there is a keen interest in the common world. The main aim was to teach the basic principles of Buddhism through Jataka Stories.

Ajanta painters followed the traditional method of Indian wall painting. The principle colour in use were red, yellow, blue, white and green. All the colours were locally available. These paintings are basically linear, though the painters were masters in handling colour.

3.5 ANSWERS OF INTEXT QUESTION

- 3.2 (a) blue lotus (b) Tempera on wall (c) Cave no 1, Ajanta
3.3 (a) Mara Vijaya (b) Ajanta cave (c) 12'X8'
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3.6 MODEL QUESTIONS

1. What do you know about Ajanta caves?
 2. Write a short note on the techniques of Ajanta paintings.
 3. Briefly assess the artistic achievements of Ajanta painters.
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3.7 GLOSSARY

Scriptures	-	religious writings.
Tempera	-	painting with pigments mixed with egg or other binder.
Sapphire	-	Blue gem.
Vakataka	-	A dynasty that ruled almost same times of the Guptas.
Jataka	-	Stories of Buddha's previous birth in different forms like animal, bird, plants etc.

4

Temple Art and Sculpture

4.0 INTRODUCTION

Indian sculpture was mostly meant for temple ornamentation in the ancient and medieval period. The regular building of structural temples in bricks and dressed stone began in the Gupta age, although there is some evidence of small shrines before the Guptas. During the 8th C.A.D there was prolific building activities throughout India. The Palas in the east, Cholas and Pallavas in the South, Rastrakutas and Chandellas in the central part of India, built beautiful temples, embellished with sculpture from 8th to 10th C.A.D. The tradition of temple sculpture flourished even after that in some areas like Vijaynagar, Mysore, Rajasthan, Bengal and Orissa till 12th C.A.D.

An introduction will be given to some selected temple sculptures in this lesson.

The following are the enlisted artworks in some famous temples of India.

- (a) Trimurti at Elephanta (Near Mumbai)
- (b) Mahisasura Mardini at Ellora (Maharashtra)
- (c) Kandariya Mahadeva temple at Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh)

4.1 OBJECTIVES:

After studying this lesson the learner will be able to:-

- (a) explain in brief the enlisted temples and sculptures;
- (b) state the name of enlisted temples and sculptures;
- (c) mention pattern, materials, architect, period, site and style of these temple sculptures;
- (d) identify the period of enlisted sculptures;
- (e) tell the main characteristics of enlisted temples.



Mulishasimardim

Sculpture of Devi at Ellora

4.2 MAHISHASURMARDINI

<i>Title</i>	<i>Mahishasurmardini</i>
<i>Place</i>	<i>Kailash Temple, Ellora, Maharashtra</i>
<i>Period</i>	<i>8th century A.D.</i>
<i>Medium</i>	<i>Rock-cut</i>
<i>Style</i>	<i>Rastrakuta</i>

The sculpture is of Devi Durga slaying Mahisasura, the buffalo demon. The 8th century Hindu rock-cut Kailash temple of Ellora in Western India is a remarkable piece of work. This sculpture adorns wall of the Kailash temple which was dedicated to the worshipers of Shiva. This relief panel treats battle scenes in which the deity is engaged in destroying the demon. The sculpture, particularly the scene depicting Devi's great battle, represents a high point in the development of Hindu iconography. Its treatment in narrative sculpture as well as human figure is commendable. This composition is one of the most dramatic treatments in the history of Indian monumental sculpture. The theme of Durga destroying the buffalo demon or Mahishasura Mardini is very popular in sculpture of India. Finally it is the combination of grace, beauty and power of expression, and dramatic composition that makes the Durga of Ellora a remarkable relief sculpture.

INTEXT QUESTIONS. (4.2)

Fill up the blanks

- The Mahisasura Mardini sculpture shows Devi Durga slaying _____.
- This sculpture is in _____.
- This belong to the _____ style of _____ A.D.



Trimurti

4.3 TRIMURTI

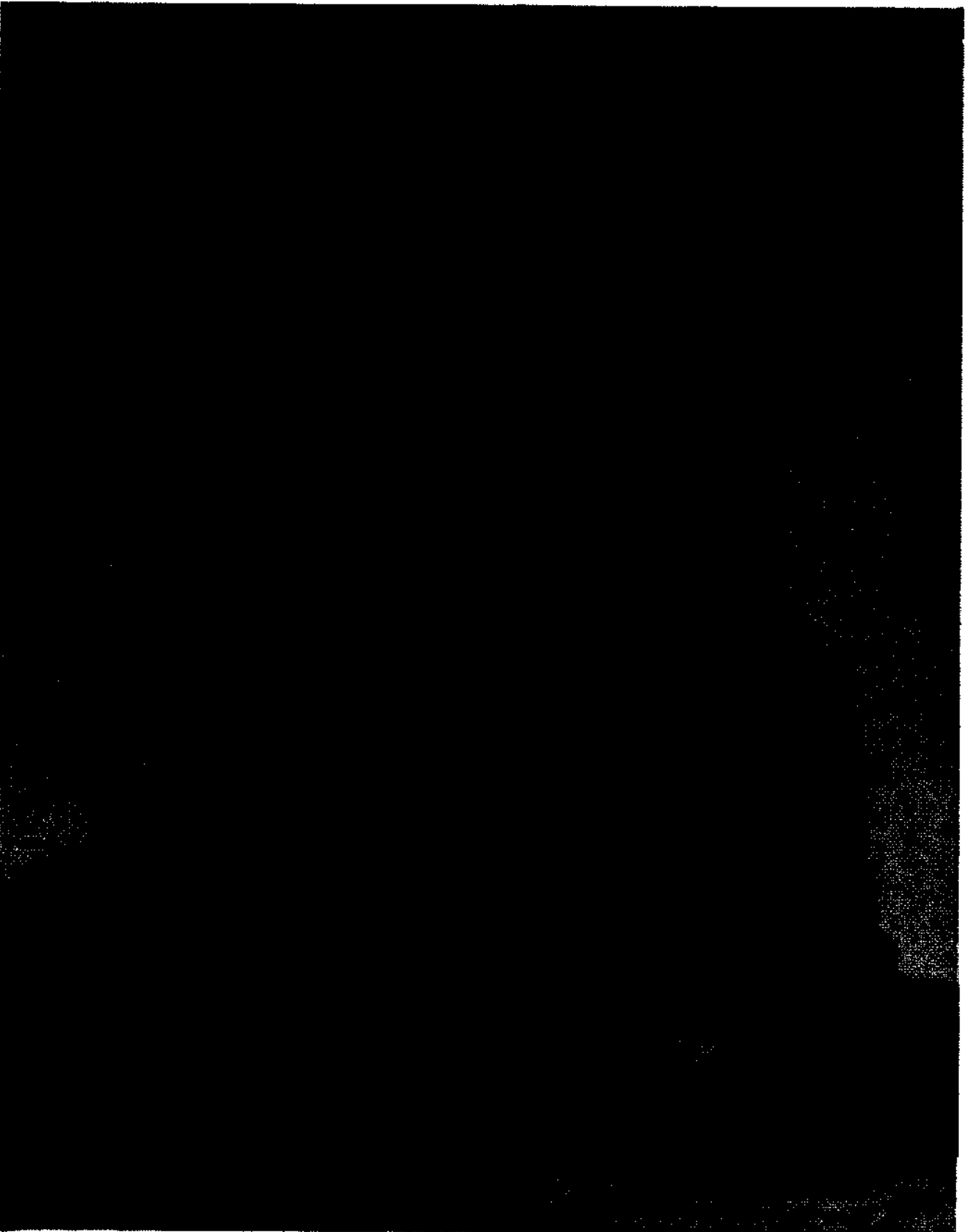
Title -	<i>Trimurti (Three headed Mahesha)</i>
Medium -	<i>Rock cut</i>
Size -	<i>5.20 meters Height</i>
Period -	<i>8th Century AD.</i>
Place -	<i>Elephanta Mumbai, Maharastra</i>

The Mahesha or Shiva Trimurti is a dramatic representation of the supreme form of Shiva as the central face, Shiva as a destroyer is on the left and on the right is the gracious feminine deity. The Gods who were most commonly represented in Hindu pantheon were Shiva, the destroyer and Vishnu, the preserver while the third great God of the Hindu trinity was Brahma the creator. One of the most powerful rendering of this multiple nature of the deity is seen at Elephanta, where Shiva is seen as the three headed Mahadeva. The heads represent three different aspects of the God, the center one is his creative self or Sadasiva, the left his destructive nature or aghora and the right is the gracious feminine manifestation of the beauty of nature or Varnadeva.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (4.3)

Choose the right answer

- (a) The statue of Mahesha is of
 (i) Bramba (ii) Krisna (iii) Shiva
- (b) The central head of the Trimurti represents
 (i) Rudra (ii) Nataraja (iii) Sadasiva
- (c) The destructive aspect of Mahesha murti in the left head is called
 (i) Aghora (ii) Varnadeva (iii) Mahadeva.



4.4 KANDARIYA MAHADEV TEMPLE

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Kandariya Mahadev Temple</i>
<i>Period</i>	-	<i>Chandella dynasty, 10th century A.D.</i>
<i>Height</i>	-	<i>Height 101.9"</i>
<i>Material</i>	-	<i>Sandstone</i>
<i>Place</i>	-	<i>Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh</i>

The Kandariya Mahadev Temple is the most magnificent and the biggest temple of the Khajuraho school of architecture. It is a temple of perfect proportions and rich ornamentation. It is one of the finest achievements of Indian temple architecture in Vesara style. The temple was built of sand stone.

There are three bands of sculptures on the Jangha of the temple. There are quite a number of erotic figures, along with usual sculptures of Hindu pantheon, all carved to perfection.

The base of the temple is filled with diverse sculptures. Inside the temple it is plain and dark, where one can meditate peacefully.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (4.4)

Fill up the blanks

1. It is one of the finest achievements of Indian temple architecture in the _____ style.
2. There are three _____ of sculpture on the _____ of the temple.
3. Inside of the temple is _____ and _____.

4.5 SUMMARY

In the post Gupta period it is almost impossible to consider sculpture apart from architecture, it is so much a part of the temples which it serve to decorate. All the three distinct architectural styles of temples, Viz, Nagara (of the North) Dravida (of the South) and Vesara (of the central) are treasures of Indian Sculpture. The temple sculpture of India is to be found all over India in various styles and forms.

4.6 MODEL QUESTIONS

1. What are the characteristics of Mahishasurmardini at Kailash temple of Ellora.
2. Write in brief the main features of Trimurti at Elephanta near Mumbai.
3. Why is the Kandariya Mahadeva Temple at Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh famous?

4.7 ANSWER OF INEXT QUESTIONS.

- 4.2 (a) Buffalo demon (b) Ellora (iii) Rastrakuta, 8th century
- 4.3 (a) (iii) Shiva (b) (iii) Sadasiva (c) Aghora.
- 4.4 (i) Vesara, (b) Bands, Jangha, (c) Plain, Dark

4.8 TERMINOLOGY

ashrama:	monastic retreat
apsars:	celestial dancing girls
avatar:	incarnation
bhakti:	reverance
bahmin:	priestly caste
caitya:	place of worship of the Buddishts
cakra:	Wheel
dharma:	law, doctrine, righteousness
Garbha Griha:	literally 'womb chamber', inner sanctum of temple
Gopuram:	Gate house of temple Dravide temple
Kalasha:	Water pitcher, vase
Kumbha:	bulbous water pot
Linga:	phallus, most common symbol of Shiva
Mandapa:	hall or pillared pavilion
Puja:	worship
Ratha:	temple chariot
Sabha:	assembly
Stupa:	memorial of Buddhist saint
Tirth:	place of spiritual regeneration
Vastu:	residence,
Vihara:	residential quarter of monastery
Yoni:	female reproductive organ.

5

Indian Bronzes (Sculpture)

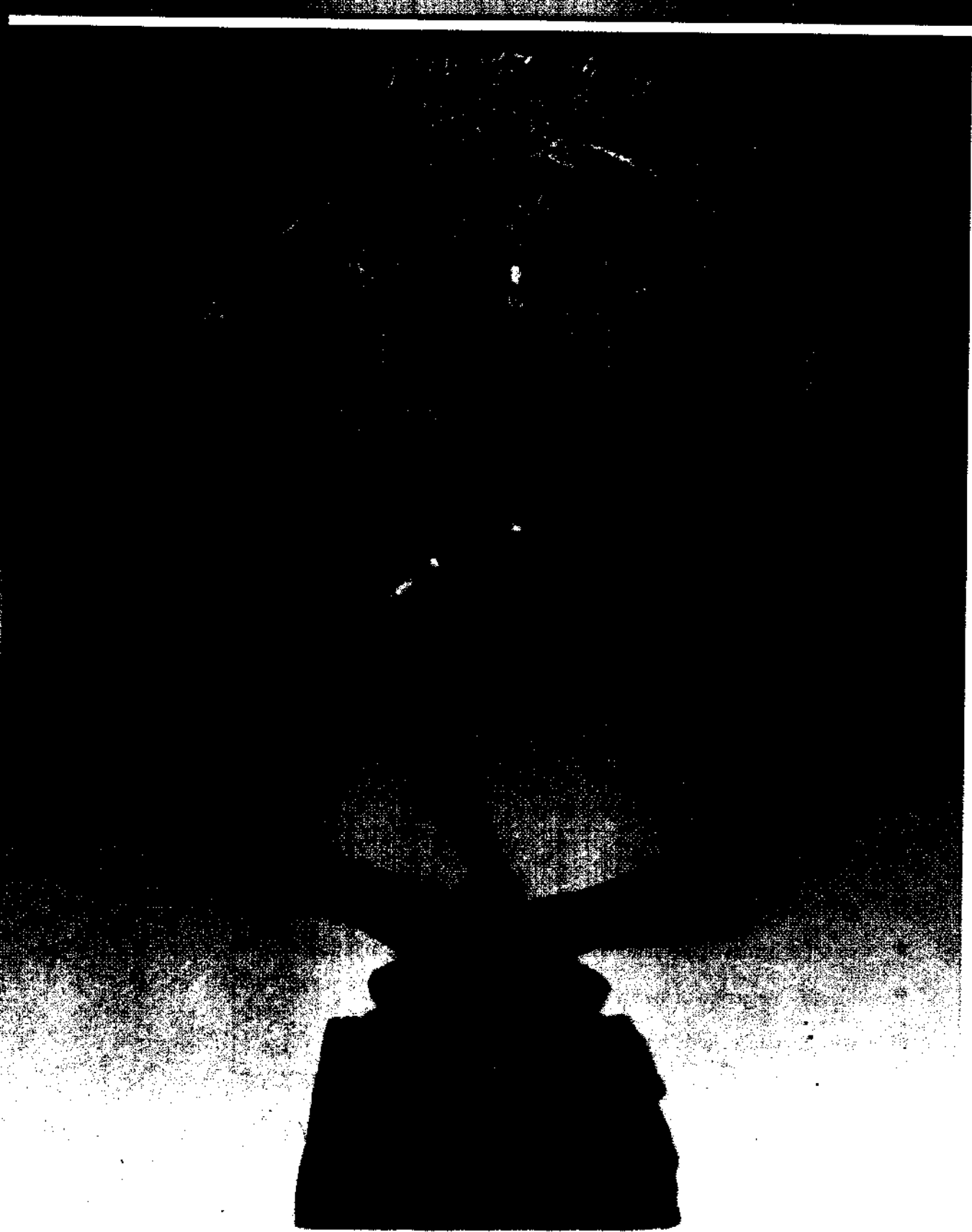
5.0 INTRODUCTION

From earliest times to Modern period, the Dancing Girl is the earliest example of metal sculpture. The most outstanding are the bronze images particularly popular in Southern India. Beginning of the seventh century, a school of metal sculpture was evolved in South-India. The Chola dynasty of 10th C. produced some of the greatest works of Hindu Sculpturs in the Southern part of India. The "Lost-wax" process (cire perdue) was used. The sculptures are not only technically superb but they are aesthetically outstanding.

5.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying this lesson, the learner should be able to :

- explain in brief the process to make bronze sculpture;
- state the names of the famous bronze sculptures found in India;
- identify the period of the bronze sculptures;
- tell about the materials used for making bronze sculptures;



Cosmic Dance of Lord Shiva

5.2 COSMIC DANCE OF LORD SHIVA

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Nataraja</i>
<i>Period</i>	-	<i>Chola 11th century A.D.</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Bronze</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>Height 98X84 cm</i>
<i>Site</i>	-	<i>Thanjavour, Tamilnadu</i>
<i>Style</i>	-	<i>Chola</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi.</i>

General Description

Among the numerous Gods represented in the bronze images, the most popular was Shiva. He is engaged in the dance of the universe and is trampling on the dwarf of illusion. He is holding the drum of creation in the right hand and the fire of destruction in the corresponding left. The lower right hand is stretched out in a gesture of protection (*abhaya*) and the lower left signifies salvation. This sculpture is remarkable for the balance of the limbs and the rhythm running through them. The cosmic dance represents the essence of the Hindu concept of life. The dynamic movement of the God expresses the eternal process of creation, destruction, and re-creation.

IN-TEXT QUESTIONS (5.2)

Fill in the blanks

1. 'Nataraja' collection at the National Museum, New Delhi is made of _____.
2. Nataraja is holding the _____ of creation in the upper hand and _____ of destruction in the left.
3. Bronze casting of Nataraja is belongs to the _____ dynasty.



Dokra casting (Tribal Bronze casting)

5.3 DOKRA CASTING (Tribal Bronze casting)

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Hourse Riding</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Bronze, Brass</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Tribals</i>
<i>Place</i>	-	<i>Madhya Pradesh, Tikamgarh</i>

General Description

Dokra casting or the lost-wax (Cire-Perdue) technique is one of the oldest metallurgical art forms used in ancient civilizations in India and also in China, Greece and Mesopotamia. The tribals are still using this process.

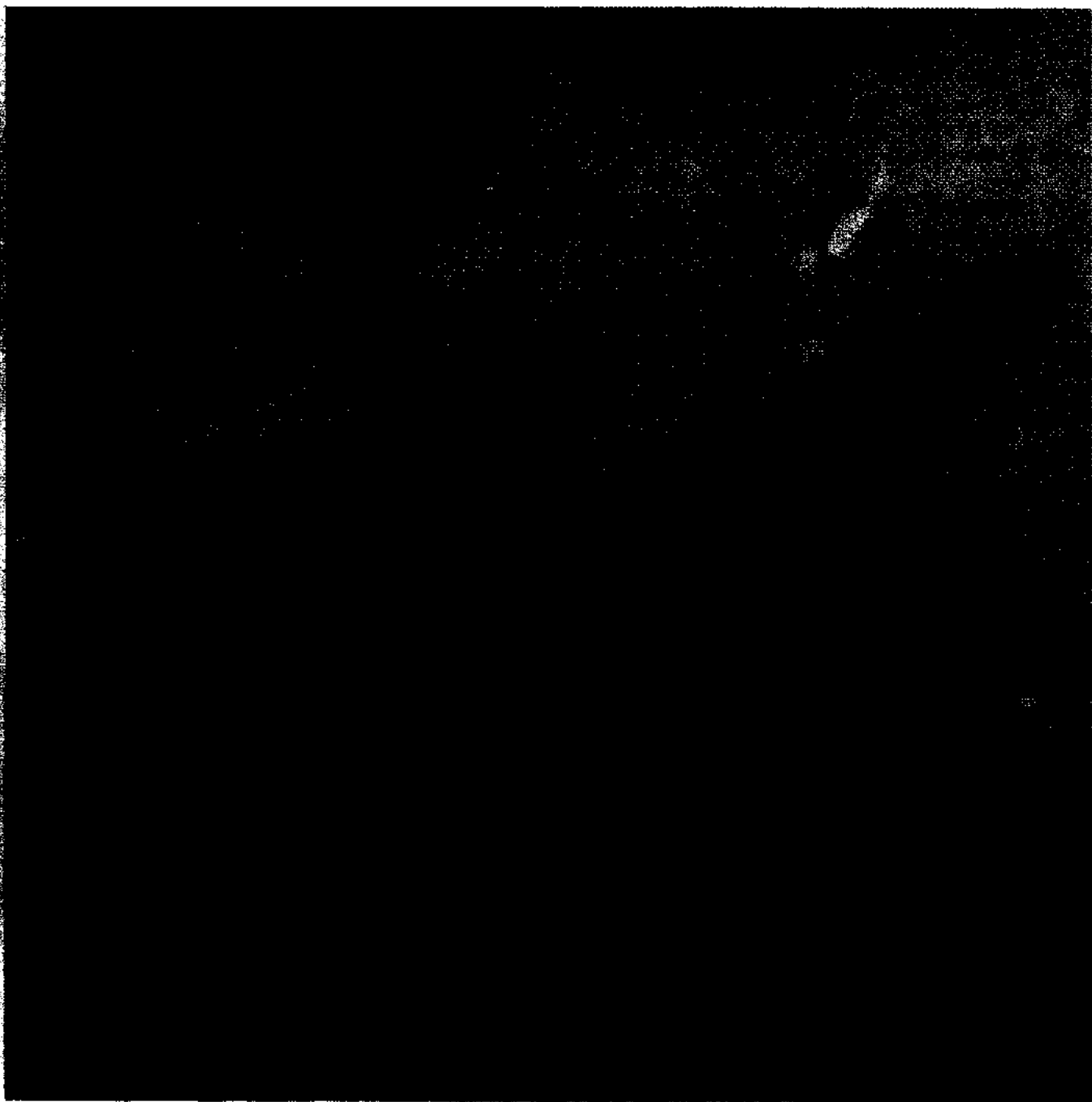
It involves the following steps.

1. Making a clay cover by firing in kiln.
2. Wrapping bee-wax around the core to get a replica.
3. Coating the replica with wet clay and then drying in the sun.
4. Heating should melt the wax which flows out early.
5. Filling with metal. Cast in furnace and left to cast.
6. Breaking the mould to get a Dokra Artifact.

IN-TEXT QUESTIONS (5.3)

Put (✓) or (x)

1. Dokra casting is the lost-wax technique.
2. The technique of Dokra casting is one of the oldest metallurgical art form.
3. Coating the replica with Dry clay.



Triumph of Labour

5.4 TRIUMPH OF LABOUR

Title	-	<i>Triumph of Labour</i>
Artist	-	<i>Shri Devi Prasad Roy Chowdhury</i>
Medium	-	<i>Bronze</i>
Date	-	<i>1954</i>
Collection	-	<i>National Gallery of Modern Art, Jaipur House, New Delhi.</i>

General Description

Shri D.P. Roy Chowdhury was one of the most outstanding artists in the Indian art scene. He was primarily a sculptor and a painter. He was also proficient in wrestling, hunting, writing and music. He was not in favour of holding exhibitions. He said, "I consider my modest studio as a sort of old, sacred temple devoted to the cause of art. I worship the object I create. I can never think of them being carried now and then for public view. Those who are real lovers of art are welcome to my studio". He went to Abanindranath Tagore as his disciples in his teenage and followed the master's style and technique. He is known and respected today more as a sculptor. In his early life he worked under the noted sculptor *Hiranmoy Roy Chowdhury*.

As a composition *The Triumph of Labour* is a master piece. This will remain as an outstanding example of contemporary Indian sculpture. The four figures in the first group are perfect anatomical studies of men engaged in a formidable task of lifting a huge block. The most distinctive feature of this group is its universal appeal and rare quality of mobility. This sculpture symbolically represent the sacrifice, which Indians made for winning Independence.

TEXT QUESTION (5.4)

Fill in the blanks:-

D.P. Roy Chowdhury was proficient in _____, _____, and _____.

In his early life Shri D.P. Roy Chowdhury started work under the noted sculptor _____.

The Triumph of Labour is a symbol of "_____".

5.5 SUMMARY

The remarkable collection of bronze sculpture at the Government museum, Chennai, is the Nataraja, Cosmic dance of Lord Shiva. The Triumph of Labour installed at National Gallery of Modern Art and the Martyr's Memorial installed at Teen Murti Marg, New Delhi, are outstanding examples of Modern bronze sculpture. The process of preparing bronze sculpture is known as cire-perdue meaning lost wax process. Dokra Art and bronze casting are done by the same process.

5.6 MODEL QUESTIONS

1. What are the characteristics of Nataraja bronze sculpture?
 2. Write the method of preparing the lost wax process.
 3. Name the dynasty under which Bronze sculpture reached its Zenith.
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5.7 ANSWERS OF INTEXT QUESTIONS.

5.2 1. bronze 2. drum, fire 3. chola

5.3 1. ✓ 2. ✓ 3. ✓

5.4 1. Hunting, Writing, Music 2. Hiranmoy Roy Chowdhury
3. Sacrifice

5.8 TERMINOLOGY

Wrestler: - A sport one tries to throw a person to the ground without hitting him.

Exhibition: - To organize a show.

Martyr's Memorial: - Remembering the dead heroes

Formidable: - Very difficult.

Chola dynasty: - Period of 11th century AD.

Dwarf: - A person much shorter than normal height

Drum: - Musical instrument of Lord Shiva.

Dynamic movement: - Forceful movement.

Disciple: - One who learns from another

Technique: - Method of doing by mechanical skill.

Universal appeal: - Affecting all

Tramples to - Crush under the feet

6

Indo-Islamic Architecture

6.0 INTRODUCTION

During 8th century A.D. Turkish, Arabian and Mongolian cultures started invading into the main cultural stream of India. When these foreign cultural people started living in India during medieval period, they employed local Hindu masons for constructing their architectural marvels i.e. mosques, palaces, tombs, *maqbaras*, *madarsas* and forts/fortresses. It is because of this reason that we see the mixture of various cultural influences in these architectural works of medieval India. Thus a new Indianised style of semi-circular domes, mehrabs (conical minars which were earlier being used for temple niche of the Buddhists or Hindu deities) came into existence. Squirish forms of columns, mosques without minars, small arched niche (semi-circular) conical columns, are some of the other examples of the mixture of cultural style.

In this lesson, examples of only three following monuments of medieval India have been taken up in which all the qualities of the mixture of various cultural influences in the art of Indo-Islamic Architecture are well established.

6.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying this lesson, the learner should be able to :

- tell the names of the enlisted monuments;
- describe general introduction of the given monuments;
- differentiate the stylistic differentiation of architecture of enlisted monuments;
- explain construction materials, its place, style, and qualities of architecture of a given monument;
- identify the main features of Indo-Islamic Architecture.



Qutub Minar

6.2 QUTUB MINAR

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Qutub Minar</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Red and White Sand stone</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>1206 to 1232 A.D.</i>
<i>Site</i>	-	<i>Delhi</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>Height - 72.56 meters</i>

General Description

Qutub-ud-din Aibek, the first of the slave Dynasty ruler, first of all started getting this *minar* constructed as a 'symbol of Victory' but later he sponsored it to his Dilli (Delhi) master Sufi Saint - Bakhtiyar Kaki as a gift. This *minar* is known as 'Qutub-minar'. This minar is a good example of Indo-Turkish style of Architecture. Its boldly projected balconies on each storey, carved arabic scriptures on stones (they are mostly inscriptions from Quran and titles of the Emperor) and rope-winding stair-cases are its special features. This is the highest *minar* of India measuring **71.3 meters high**.

Red and white sand-stones are used in constructing the Qutub-minar. On its top floor marble stones are also used. Stucco lime-mixture as mortar for cementing its constructional work has been used.

Qutub-ud-din Aibek could get only its first storey constructed during his rein - 1206 to 1210 AD; Afterward king Iltutmish got the 2nd, 3rd and 4th storeys completed. But at the end (though badly conceived) 5th storey was constructed by Emperor Firozeshah Tughlук of Tughlук dynasty.

Qutub-minar is situated at Mehrauli in Delhi

Style of Architecture

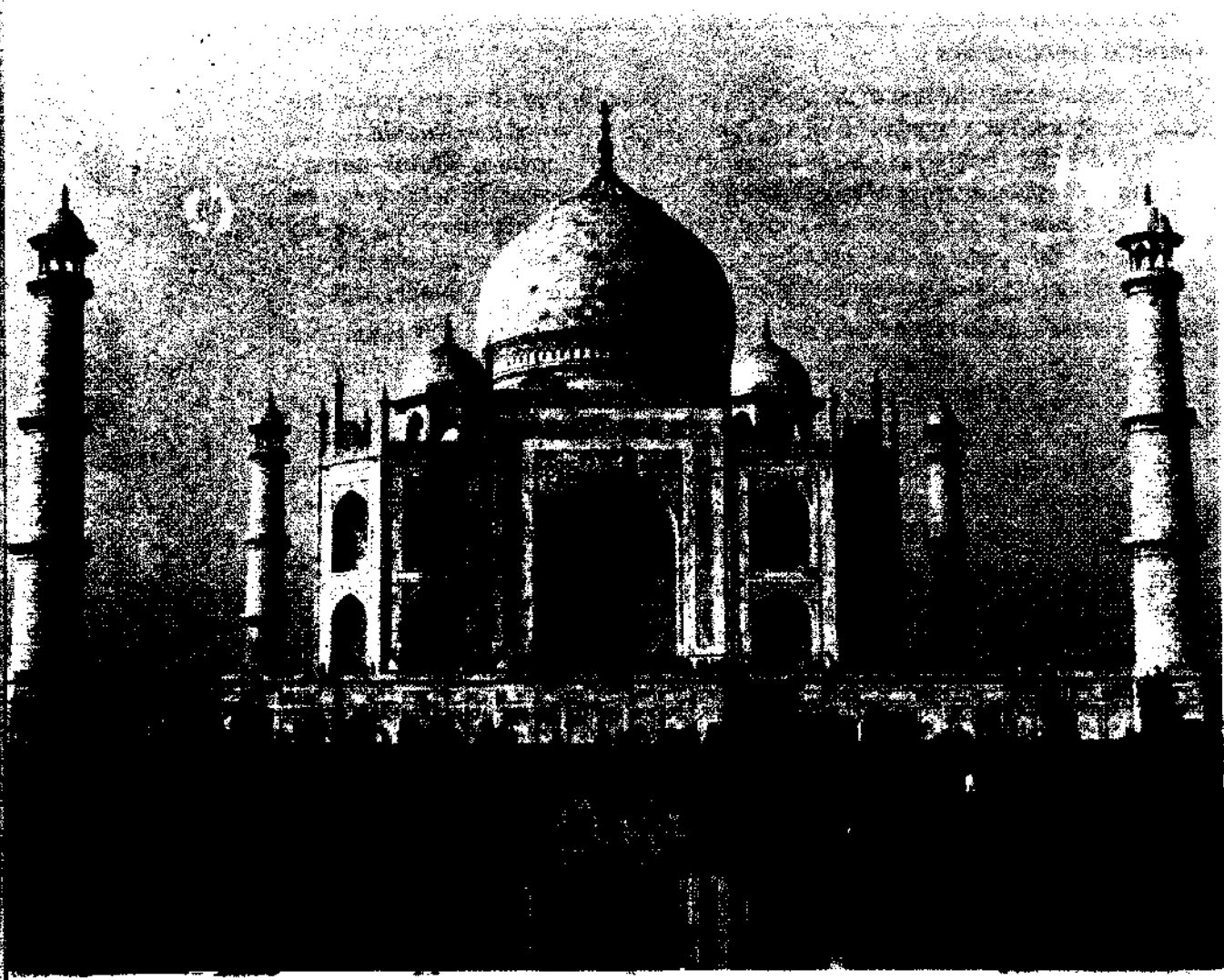
Qutub-minar is most famous for its '*Shankh*' like form;

its strong ribs supporting its balconies; geometrical decorative carvings and arabic inscriptions along with pure Indian decorative symbols in its stylistic construction.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (6.2)

Tick mark (✓) the right answer

- Qutub Minar was built as a symbol of
 - Victory
 - Love
 - Religion
- Top floor of Qutub Minar is built of
 - Sand stone
 - Marble
 - Bricks
- This Minar is good example of
 - Mughal architecture
 - Hindu architecture
 - Indo-Turkish architecture



Taj Mahal

6.3 TAJ MAHAL

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Taj Mahal</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>White marble stone</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>1632 to 1654 AD</i>
<i>Site</i>	-	<i>Agra</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>Groundplan 580 meters X 305 meters, Height - 187</i>

General Description

Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan is a well known figure until today for its building construction activities especially for Taj Mahal. He got Taj Mahal constructed as a memorial for his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. In this building there are two tombs (graves) - one of his wife Mumtaz and the other of his own. In fact such memorial buildings constructed over the tombs are called 'Maqbaras'. Construction of Taj Mahal is a fine blend of Indian and foreign styles of architectural art.

White marble stone from Makrana mines in Rajasthan was brought for the construction of Taj Mahal, and lime stucco was used as mortar for cementing its constructional work.

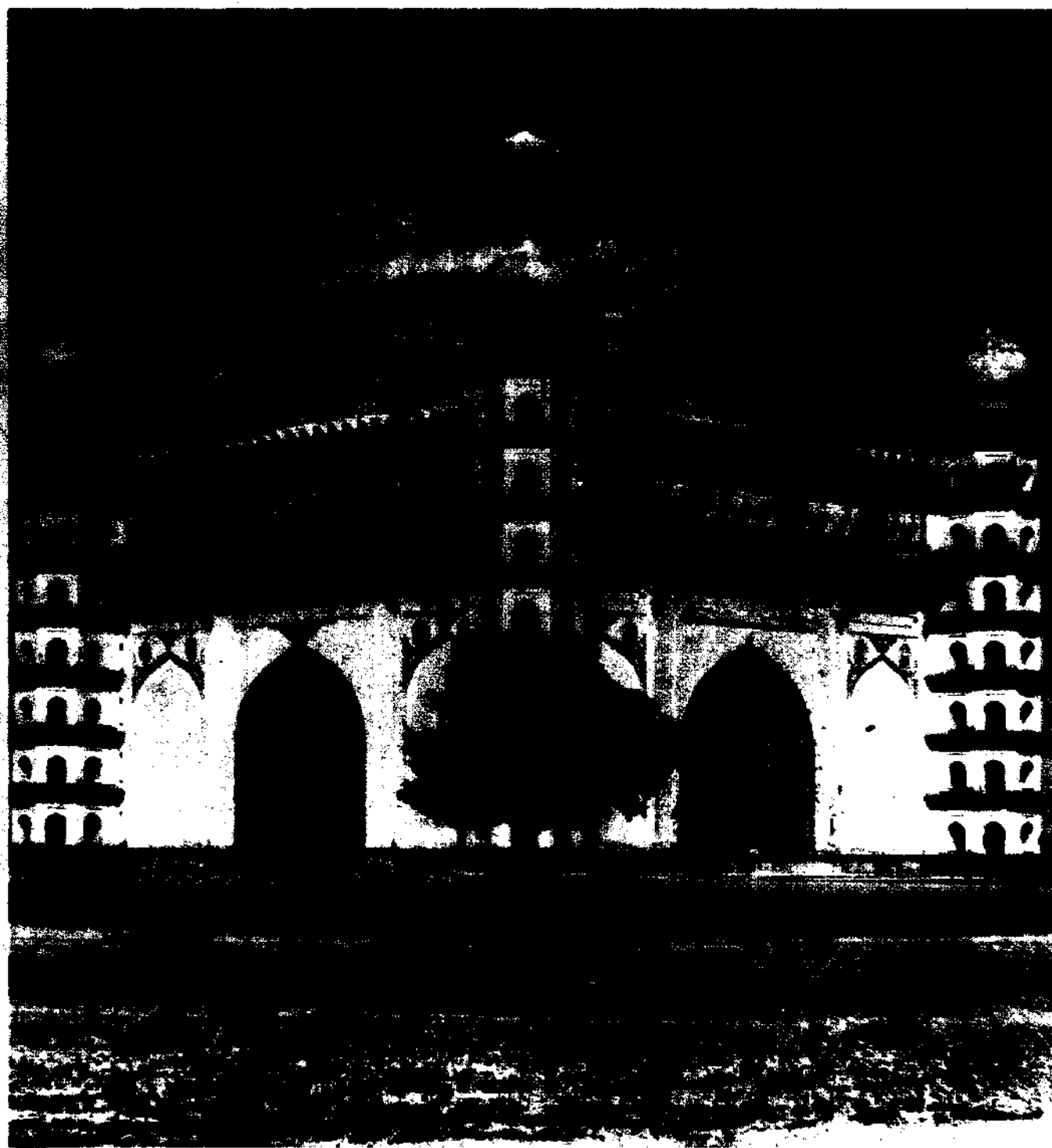
Shah Jahan ruled from 1628 to 1658 A.D. and during this period he spent twenty two years for the construction of Taj Mahal. This beautiful building is situated on the bank of Yamuna river in the city of Agra. The area of the main building is 313 square feet. The highest dome of the building is 186 feet high.

At the four corners of the building there are four *minars* each having 163 ft. height. The double layered domes and minarets are constructed in Iranian style, but its arches and balconies are in Persian style. The main emphasis of this building has been especially laid on the layout, proportions of its different parts and on the beautiful arabic inscriptions. Geometrical decorative motifs and some other constructional aspects like cubical brackets, designing of the basements and the high level of platform are some of the best representations of Indian style of architecture.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (6.3)

Fill up the blanks

- Shah Jahan built Taj Mahal as a _____ of his wife _____.
- Taj Mahal is situated on the bank of _____, in the city of _____.
- Taj Mahal is built of _____ stone.



Gole Gumbad

6.4 GOLE GUMBAD

Title	-	Gole Gumbad
Medium	-	Baked bricks
Date	-	17th C.A.D.
Site	-	Bijapur
Size	-	Inner area 1600 sq. Meter

General Description

During 14th century A.D., there were many small kingdoms especially in South India. One of these kingdoms was known as Bahmini Kingdom. Besides the Indian architectural style, the 'Gole Gumbad' of Bijapur had the influence of Egyptian, Turkish and Persian architecture as well which was built by the Bahmini king.

In the construction of Gole Gumbad, baked bricks have been used which have been cemented with lime stucco.

Muhammad Adil Shah of Bijapur built the Gole Gumbad in the 17th C.A.D.

It is situated at Bijapur city of Karnataka.

STYLE OF CONSTRUCTION

The double layered roofing style of Iran has been used in construction of Gole Gumbad. In India, this is the biggest dome among all the domes of the world in which the inner layer of the dome is rounded in semi-circular form whereas the outer layer is conically narrowed upward giving it a bulbous look. There are four octagonal *minars* at the four corners which have seven storeys each. The inner area of this building is 1600 square meters.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (6.4)

Tick mark (✓) the right answer

- (a) In the construction of Gole Gumbad the material is used.
- (i) Marble
 - (ii) Baked bricks
 - (iii) Granite
- (b) It was built by
- (i) Ibrahim Adil-Shah
 - (ii) Muhammad Adil Shah
 - (iii) Yusuf Adil Shah
- (c) It is situated at
- (i) Agra
 - (ii) Bijapur
 - (iii) Golconda
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6.5 SUMMARY

After studying three historical monuments as given in the curriculum, you might have concluded that the history of medieval India is full of so many ups and downs on account of which a lot of cultural interaction took place which creates a large panoramic picture in front of us. In the history of architectural art of India during medieval period, the construction of *mehrab*s, domes and the mixtures of cementing mortars are the gifts of Turkish techniques. We can simultaneously very well see the *swastika* symbol, bell shape forms, lotus carvings and *kalash* (a pious earthen pituitary shapes) used as decorative motifs which are purely Indian in their style and form, gifted to the Indo-Islamic Architecture. Many tombs - *mehrab*s and *maqbaras* were constructed and their surroundings were developed into beautiful decorative parks/gardens. But special attention was laid on the strength of the buildings during construction time.

6.6 MODEL QUESTIONS

1. Keeping in mind the Indo-Turkish style of architectural art, explain the main features of the architecture of *Qutab-minar*.
2. Write down the three main reasons of calling '*Taj Mahal* as a very good example of Mughal architecture'.
3. The Dome of *Gole Gumbad* of Bijapur is a double layered roofing dome. Keeping this fact in mind draw a picture and write about the style of double layered bulbous dome.
4. Write the name and colour of stone used in the construction of *Taj Mahal*.

6.7 ANSWERS OF INTEXT QUESTIONS

- 6.2 (a) Victory, (b) Marble, (c) Indo Turkish Architecture
6.3 (a) Memorial, Mumtaz, (b) Yamuna river, Agra, (c) White marbel stone
6.4 (a) Baked bricks, (b) Muhammad Adil Shah, (c) Bijapur

6.8 GLOSSARY

Indo-Islamic	-	a new style in which elements are combined both from Indian and Islamic style.
Scriptures	-	religious book
Stucco	-	kind of plaster
Mortar	-	mixture of lime-sand and water used for cementing stone or circles in a building.
Inscription	-	writings on monument, metal plates, stone etc.

6.9 EXTENDED ACTIVITIES AND ABILITIES

If possible find out the occasion (s) of visiting DELHI, AGRA and BIJAPUR to have a first hand experiences of observing and enjoying the beauty of historical monuments like *Qutab-minar*, *Taj Mahal* and *Gole Gumbad*.

Mughal School

7.0 INTRODUCTION :

Mughal evolution of miniature paintings was originated in Persia and continued for about three centuries in India. The tradition of miniature painting went on from one generation to another with fresh touch. The first Mughal emperor of India was Babur who was a man of aesthetic sensibilities. His son Humayun patronized the art of miniature painting and brought a few Persian artists to India. Notable names were Abdus Samad, Mir Sayyid Ali. It was from these artists that Humayun and his son Akbar took lessons in drawing.

The first major works of Mughal miniature were probably begun under Humayun but was completed under Akbar. During his period miniature paintings were lively and realistic and even contain elements of individual portraiture. After Akbar, his son Jahangir became the emperor. In his time mughal paintings achieved its zenith, both as decorative art and the nature study. Farukh Baigh, Aqa Raja, and Ustad Mansur were main painters during his period. Miniature paintings of the court of Jahangir's son, Shah Jahan show the first sign of decline.

Miniature paintings are small format of paintings which were usually executed with minute details. Paper was carefully burnished and preliminary drawing was made with red ink. Then the paper was coated with thin wash of white pigment. On this surface painting was done with tempera colours. Finally gold was used where necessary and complete painting was again burnished.

7.1 OBJECTIVES:-

After studying this lesson, the learner will be able to:

- explain briefly the background and evolution of Mughal miniature paintings.
- state the names of enlisted Mughal miniature paintings.
- identify the enlisted Mughal miniature paintings from others.
- mention the main characteristics of enlisted miniature paintings.
- describe the method and materials used, place and style of enlisted miniature paintings.
- name the artists of the enlisted paintings.

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Bird Catching at Baran

7.2 BIRD CATCHING AT BARAN

Title	-	<i>Bird Catching at Baran</i>
Artist	-	<i>Bhag</i>
Medium	-	<i>Tempra</i>
Period	-	<i>Akbar</i>
Style	-	<i>Miniature</i>
Collection	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

Manuscripts illustrated by the painters of the court of Akbar were the *Akbar Nama*, the *Razam Nama* (the Persian translation of the Mahabharata), *Anwar-i-Suhayli*, a book of fables and *Babur Nama*. A painting *Bird Catching at Baran* from Babur Nama has special mention. This painting in tempera technique was done on paper by Bhag. The painting is full of natural surroundings. A bird catcher has spread a net under a tree and is hiding behind the tree and covering himself with a red screen. In the foreground a pond is full of lotus flowers where a pair of hoopoes, sarus, snippets, duck and other birds have gathered to drink water. Few birds have fallen prey in the net. Indeed, this is a very beautiful study of birds. The appearance and colour of birds, trees, flowers and mountains are quit natural, which is a specialty of Akbar period.

IN-TEXT QUESTIONS (7.2)

Fill in the blanks:

1. *Razam Nama* was illustrated during the period of _____.
2. Bird catching at *Baran* was done in _____ technique.
3. The name of artist of this painting is _____.



7.3 JAHANGIR HOLDING A PICTURE OF MADONA

Title	-	<i>Jahangir holding a picture of Madonna</i>
Artist	-	<i>Abul Hasan</i>
Medium	-	<i>Tempera</i>
Style	-	<i>Miniature</i>
Collection	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>
Period	-	<i>Jahangir</i>

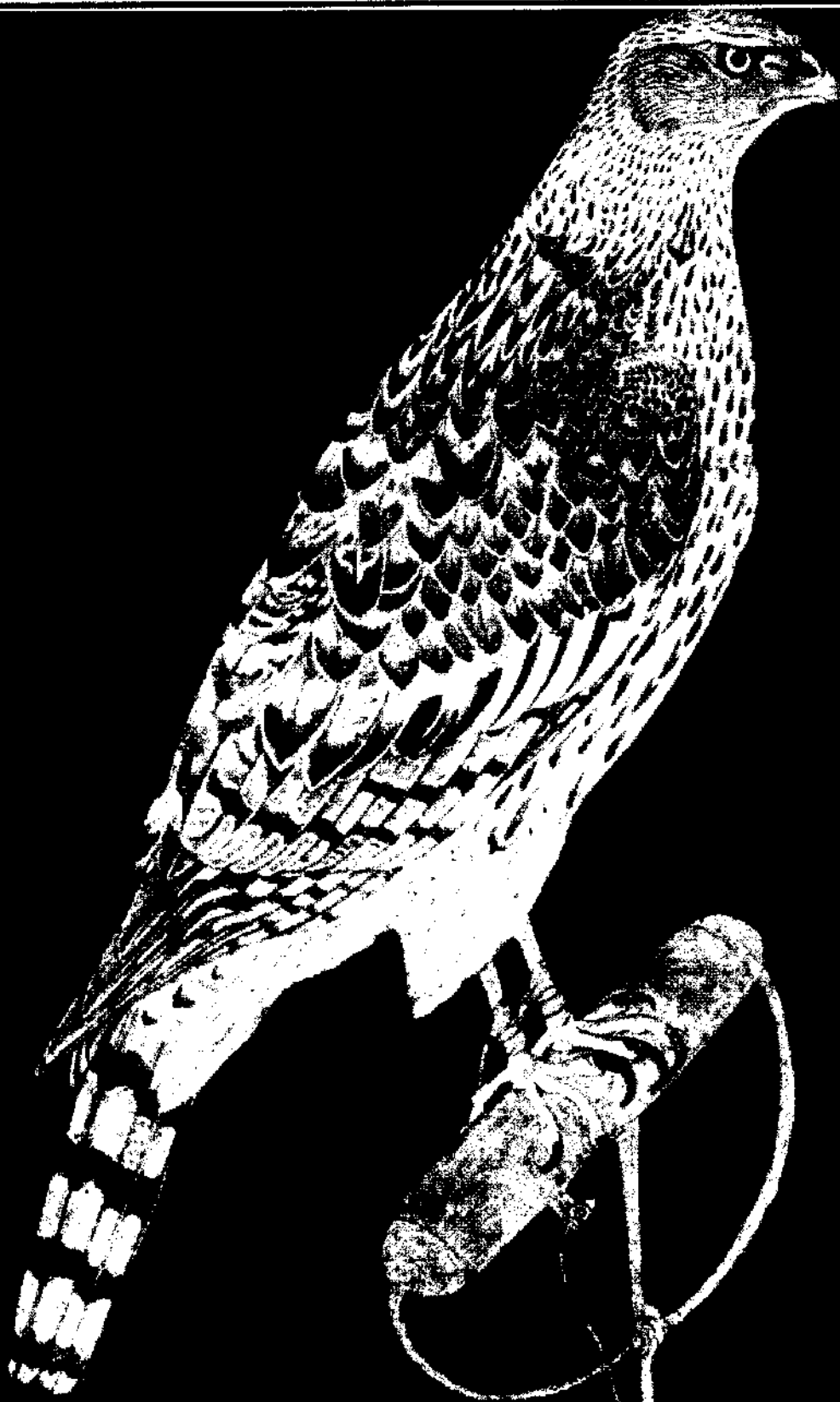
General description

Abul Hasan did portrait of *Jahangir holding a picture of Madonna* in 1620. As tempera on paper was common in practice, this painting is also done in same technique. Jahangir is shown holding a picture of Madonna and having a close look at it. Jahangir is painted in the centre with decorated borders with scripture on some of it. This painting has an influence of western style. The portrait in profile has prominent nose, big head, soft colours and golden appearance, which is the main characteristics of Jahangir school.

IN TEXT QUESTIONS : (7.3)

Mark (✓) against correct answer of the following questions:

- Jahangir holding the picture of Madonna is painted by :
(A) Ustad Mansur (b) Abul Hasan (C) Abdus Samad
- The portrait of Jahangir was done in :
(A) Profile (B) Front (C) Semi-profile.
- The portrait has
(A) Prominent ear (B) Prominent eye (C) Prominent nose



Falcon on a Bird Rest

7.4 FALCON ON A BIRD REST

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Falcon on a Bird Rest</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Ustad Mansur</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Tempera</i>
<i>Style</i>	-	<i>Miniature</i>
<i>Time</i>	-	<i>Jehangir</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi.</i>

General Description

Ustad Mansur was one of the notable painters in Jehangir court. He was chiefly known for his wonderful studies of bird life but he was also one of the best Mughal portrait painters. There was no doubt the practice of drawing from live model familiar during Jehangir which led to remarkable achievement in portraiture. 'Falcon on a Bird Rest' is a superb example of Ustad Mansur's work. Detailed study of Falcon is easily noticeable in this painting. It seems that this falcon is a tamed bird and painted in tempera technique with realistic details. The falcon is painted in white and brown colours against a contrast yellow background. Its sharp beak and round vigilant eyes are painted in shades of deep yellow ochre. A patch of light blue delineates the feathers on the back of its neck. The bird is fastened with a weight and a string hanging beautifully around its neck. Probably this falcon was a gift from Shah Abbas, the emperor of Iran.

IN TEXT QUESTIONS (7.4)

Mark (✓) against correct answer of the following questions:

- Falcon on a bird rest is a painting in
(A) Realistic style (B) Abstract style (C) Semi realistic style
 - The falcon is painted in
(A) Red & blue colours (B) Brown & White colours (C) Brown & Red colours
 - Ustad Mansur was chiefly known for his
(A) Landscape study (B) Bird life study (C) Foliage study.
 - Practice of drawing from living model was familiar during
(A) Akabr period (B) Jehangir Period (C) Humayun period.
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Kabir and Raidas

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>'Kabir and Raidas'</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Faqir - Ullah</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Tempra</i>
<i>Style</i>	-	<i>Miniature</i>
<i>Period</i>	-	<i>Shah Jahan</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General description

The period of Shah Jahan was an age of gold. But during his time miniature paintings first shows the sign of decline. The works are perfect but lifeless.

Under Shah Jahan the pattern set under Jahangir was followed in both miniatures and manuscript illustrations. Portraits continued to occupy much of the time of the court painters. There was more feminine touch, an added softness in the drawing of portraits. A new tendencies of naturalism in figure drawing and realistic drapery was developed.

The painting 'Kabir and Raidas' is a documented example of respect given to religious saints by Mughals. Ustad Fakir - Ullah did this tempera painting on paper. He was the head painter of Shah Jahan's Workshop. In a rural background saint Kabir is painted, besides his hut, weaving. The portraits of Kabir and Raidas are realistic study, while the background fades in the mist. Saint Raidas is sitting close by with a *mala* of beads. Both are in deep meditation. There is a divine peace on their faces. This painting brings forth the simple and peaceful life in Indian village. A blue border focuses the painting which is painted in brown shades.

IN TEXT QUESTIONS (7.5)

Circle the correct answer of the followings:

- The border of the painting is painted in
(A) Blue shades (B) Green shades (C) Brown shades
- 'Kabir and Raidas' was painted by
(A) Fakir - Ullah (B) Nadir (C) Mansoor
- The period of Shah Jahan was the period of
(A) Bronze (B) Silver (C) Gold

Marriage Procession of Dara Shikoh



7.6 MARRIAGE PROCESSION OF DARA SHIKOH

Title	:	<i>"Marriage Procession of Dara Shikoh"</i>
Artist	:	<i>Haji Madani</i>
Medium	:	<i>Tempra</i>
Style	:	<i>Miniature</i>
Period	:	<i>Awadh school</i>
Collection	:	<i>National Museum, New Delhi.</i>

General description

Provincial art in Awadh became very powerful under Nawab Shuja-ud-Daula. It reached at its peak under Wajid Ali Shah. While keeping the basic Mughal style, the Awadh school developed a style of its own. There was tremendous emphasis on decoration and colours were softer.

'Marriage Procession of Dara Shikoh' was painted by Haji Madani on paper in tempera technique. In this painting Dara Shikoh with his *baratees* is riding on horse back. The prince is leading the procession. There are joyful men, women and young boys who are largely waiting for them. Dara Shikoh is wearing an *angarakha* and a veil of pearls. His father Shah Jahan who is shown with a halo around his head follows him. All the faces are shown either in profile or semi profile. The women are shown riding on elephants in the background. Alongside the drummer are beating their drums sitting on elephants. The dancing, clapping and singing crowds are dressed in bright colourful clothes decorated with gold. Some of the men from both the sides are holding candles. The perspective in the painting is maintained carefully. This painting depicts all flora and fauna.

IN TEXT QUESTIONS (7.6)

Fill in the blanks :

1. Marriage Procession of Dara Shikoh is painted by _____.
2. Shah Jahan is shown with a _____ around his head.
3. Women are shown riding on _____.
4. Provincial art reached at its peak under _____.

7.7 SUMMARY :

The first major works of Mughal miniature were probably begun under Humayun but was completed under Akbar. There were a few Persian artists along with Abdus Samad, Mir Sayyid Ali. During the period of Jehangir, the miniature paintings achieved its zenith both and decorative in study of nature. Farukh Baigh, Aqa Raja, Ustad Mansur were main painters in Jehangir's studio. Most of the paintings were executed in tempera technique in Shah Jahan's period. There were tremendous use of gold with lot of decoration keeping the mughal style. The Awadh school developed a style of its own.

7.7 MODEL QUESTIONS:

Give brief description of the following:

1. Write the technique used in miniature painting.
2. Describe the painting 'Falcon on the bird rest'.
3. Write the characteristics of Mughal Miniature painting.
4. Write on any painting done during Shah Jahan's period.
5. Describe the painting 'Marriage Procession of Dara Shikoh'.

7.8 ANSWER OF IN TEXT QUESTIONS

7.2 (1) Akbar (2) Tempera (3) Bhag

7.3 (1) B, (2) A, (3) C

7.4 (1) A, (2) B, (3) B, (4) B

7.5 (1) C, (2) A, (3) A

7.6 (1) Hazji Madani (2) halo (3) Elephants (4) Wajid Ali Shah

7.9 GLOSSARY

Persia	- an ancient empire located in west and south west asia.
Tradition	- from generation to generation
Aesthetics	- study of art in relation to the sense of beauty
Patronize	- To support
Realistic	- based on what is real and practical
Portraiture	- Study of the likeness of a person
Zenith	- highest point of state
Decline	- downward movement
Executed	- done
Preliminary	- first step
Pigment	- colour
Tempera	- any paint in which pigment is tempered (mixed) with a water-based binding medium-usually egg yolk.
Madonna	- Virgin Mary
Contrast	- uses of opposite colour
Delineate	- to trace the outline
Manuscript illustration	- hand written book illustration
Naturalism	- technique of rendering a subject as natural appearance
Drapery	- dress
Provincial	- belonging to a particular province (area)
Emphasis	- giving importance
Angarakha	- dress
Halo	- circle or ring around the head of a sacred person
Perspective	- technique of showing volumes and special relationship on a flat surface (paper).

Rajasthani School of Painting

8.0 INTRODUCTION

Rajasthani painting flourished from 16th C.A.D to 19th C.A.D. It was inspired and influenced by Jain manuscript painting of Gujarat. This painting style matured during 17th C.A.D. Its popularity spread all over Rajasthan and attained the appreciation of the common man and the royal court equally. Though the technique and style remained basically the same as that of mural of the classical period, but it borrowed few things from Mughal painting in the later period.

Rajasthani painting can be divided in four groups as Rajasthani School, Bundelkhand School, Pahari School and Sikh School. There are many centres in these regions, which are famous for these miniature paintings. Some of these centres are, Jaipur, Mewar, Malwa, Nathdwara, Udaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Kota, Bundi, Kishengarh etc.

Themes of these paintings are mainly Puranic or Epic. Krishna-Leela is the most popular theme along with some stories of the Mahabharata and Ramayana. Folk lore of Rajasthan like Dhola-Maru and Roopmati and Baajbahadur are also illustrated in these paintings.

Characteristic Features

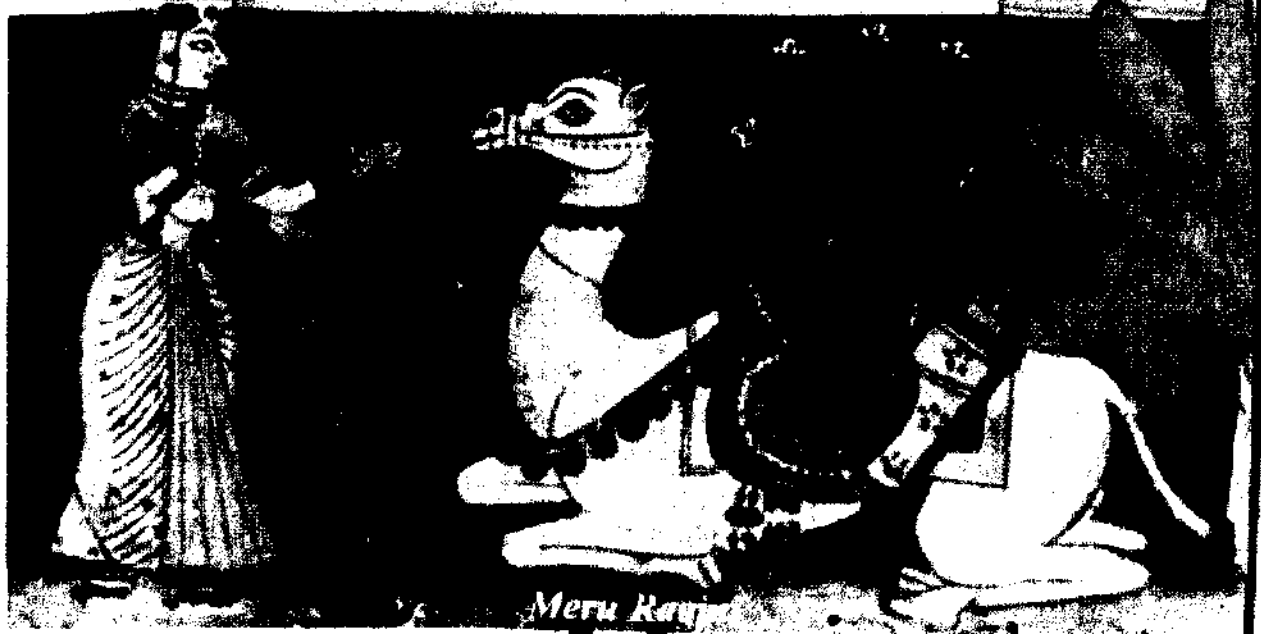
There is a lot of variety in the style of Rajasthani School in handling the natural scene, architectural structure and human figures.

Faces are generally shown in profile. Both the male and female figures show suppleness and emotion in their large eyes. The influence of the Mughal court is very clear in the dress and costumes. Same influence is notable in the drawings of building and palaces in these paintings during the later period.

8.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying this lesson, learner will be able to:

- describe the background, region, religious movements and influence of literature on the painting style;
- describe the enlisted art works with appreciation;
- differentiate the different styles of Pahari and Rajasthani School of painting;
- explain the characteristic features of these paintings;
- know about the medium, technique and style of the miniature paintings;
- know about the artists of these paintings and their names.



Meru Raj

8.2 MERU RAGINI

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Meru Ragini or Maru Ragini</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Tempera on hand made paper</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>Circa 1650 A.D</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>6"X8"</i>
<i>Theme</i>	-	<i>Story of Dhola Maru</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Sahibdin</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

The love Story of Dhola Maru is very popular in Rajasthan and is narrated both in Murals and miniature paintings.

The composition of this painting is divided into two parts. Dhola and Maru are shown seated under a yellow canopy with a red curtain in the upper part of the composition. Dhola is dressed in typical aristocratic attire complete with weapons like sword and shield, facing his lover Maru in Rajasthani costume. The lower part of the composition shows Maru caressing her pet camel. Both the figures are prominent against a green background dotted with flower motifs. Stylised motifs of three trees are bringing a unity in the composition.

IN TEXT QUESTIONS (8.2)

Choose the right answer:-

- (a) The story of Dhola-Marua is popular in _____.
- (i) Bengal
 - (ii) Punjab
 - (iii) Bihar
 - (iv) Rajasthan
- (b) The date of this painting is _____.
- (i) 1880A.D
 - (ii) 1710 A.D
 - (iii) 1650 A.D
- (c) The composition of this painting is divided in _____.
- (i) Two parts
 - (ii) three parts
 - (iii) four parts
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Radha and Krishna (offering betel leaf to each other)

8.3 Radha and Krishna Offering betel leaf to each other

Title	-	Radha and Krishna
Medium	-	Tempra on hand made paper
Date	-	Between 1735 A.D to 1750 A.D
Size	-	42X25 cm.
Theme	-	Paan Mehphil.
Artist	-	Nihalchand
Collection	-	National Museum, New Delhi

General Description

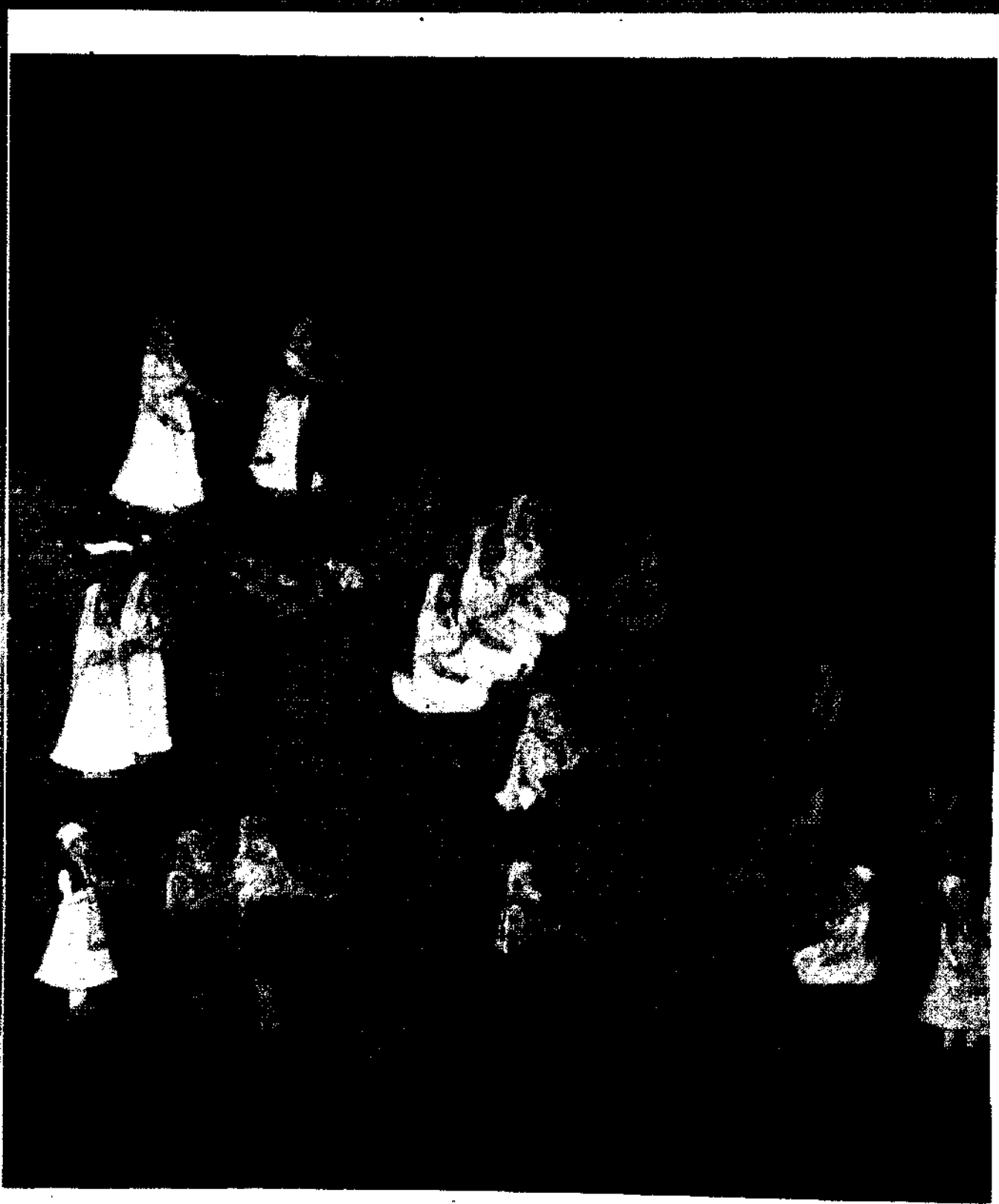
Radha and Krishna are dancing on a bed covered with a white sheet and offering *paan* (betel) to each other. They are attended by maid servants or *Gopinis*. There are some musicians to entertain them.

The painting is rendered in traditional Kishangarh style, which is particularly noticeable in the drawing of the eyes, nose and costume. The painting is one of the master pieces by famous painter Nihalchand. The colourful dresses of the figures are admirably set off by the chalky whiteness of the buildings in the background beyond the vast panorama of the lake. The suggestion of hills and jungles in the foreground gives a sense of depth in the space.

INTEXT QUESTION (8.3)

Fill up the blanks:—

- (a) The painting is rendered in _____ style.
 - (b) This is a masterpiece by famous painter _____.
 - (c) The theme of the painting is _____.
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Meeting of Rama and Bharata at Chitrakoot

8.4 MEETING OF RAMA AND BHARATA AT CHITRAKOOT

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Bharat Milap</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Tempera on hand made paper</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>1740 A.D</i>
<i>Style</i>	-	<i>Jaipur School</i>
<i>Theme</i>	-	<i>Rama meets Bharata at Chitrakoot</i>
<i>Artist's Name</i>	-	<i>Guman</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

This one is a very popular episode of Ramayana, largely known as 'Bharat-Milap'. The painting depicts the emotional moment when Bharat, the younger brother of Rama is trying to take him back home. The whole incident is taking place at the jungle of Chitrakoot where Rama stayed for few days. The artist has created a perfect atmosphere of hermitage with a small hut and different kinds of plants and trees. The serenity and simplicity of the landscape enhances the mood of the painting.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (8.4)

Fill up the blanks -

- (a) The date of this painting is _____.
- (b) The painting belongs to _____ school.
- (c) This painting is painted by _____.

Vani Thani of Kishangarh School



BANI THANI OF KISHANGARH SCHOOL

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Bani Thani</i>
<i>Date</i>	-	<i>1750 A.D</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Tempera on hand made paper</i>
<i>Size</i>	-	<i>19 cm x 25 cm</i>
<i>Style</i>	-	<i>Kishangarh school</i>
<i>Artist's name</i>	-	<i>Nihal Chand</i>
<i>Collection :</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

This painting by Nihalchand of Kishangarh of Rajasthani School has a special place in the treasure of Indian miniature painting. The style is characterized by emphatic lengthening of the eyes and nose. Faces are mostly in profile with a very stylized eye brow and smile on the lips. The painter was inspired by the poem of Raja Sawant Singh, who describes the beauty of a lady called "Vani Thani" in his poem. The beauty of this woman is symbolically used to describe the beauty of Sri Radha. As a master painter Nihalchand could go beyond the mundane to the spiritual in this portrait. The smile of Vani Thani is often compared with the smile of Mona Lisa.

INTEXT QUESTIONS: (8.5)

Fill up the blanks

- The date of the painting Vanithani is _____.
- The artist of this painting is _____.
- This painting is painted in _____ style.

8.6 SUMMARY

Rajasthani painting flourished from the 16th-19th centuries in the areas like Rajwara, Rajasthan, Rajputana etc. The Rajasthani miniature painters assimilated different styles and techniques both from the old school like, Ajanta, Gujrati palm-leaf painting and contemporary styles of Persia, Mughal and even European art. The early Rajasthani painting schools like Mewar, Bundi, Malwa, Bikaner, Kishangarh and other small city-states became prolific centres of this style. Various themes were used by these painters, which included Ramayana, Mahabharata, Geeta-Govindam, life of common people and local love-stories.

8.7 MODEL QUESTIONS

1. Mention the themes of Rajasthani painting.
2. Name the important centres of Rajasthani paintings.
3. Describe the painting on the story of Dholu-Maru.
4. Describe the characteristic features of the painting "Vani-thani".

8.8 ANSWERS OF INTEXT QUESTIONS

- 8.2 (a) Rajasthan (b) Circa 1650 A.D (c) Two parts
- 8.3 (a) Kishangarh style (b) Nihalchand (c) Radha and Krishna are offering *paan* to each other.
- 8.4 (a) 1740 A.D (b) Jaipur (c) Guman
- 8.5 (a) 1750 A.D (b) Nihalchand (c) Kishangarh style

8.9 GLOSSARY

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|-----------------------|--|
| 1. Mural | - Wall painting |
| 2. Miniature painting | - small size painting. |
| 3. Tempera | - painting with pigments mixed with egg on other binder. Opaque in nature. |
| 4. Manuscript | - book written by the hand. |
| 5. Profile | - sideface |
| 6. Ragini | - Indian form of music |
| 7. Fore ground | - front part of the space |
| 8. panorama | - a wide view |

Pahari School of Miniature Painting

9.0 INTRODUCTION

A new style that was developed in the Himalaya foot-hills of Punjab, Garhwal and Jammu is known as "Pahari Qualam" or Pahari school of painting. The local folk art form of this area was influenced by painters of Mughal court when they took shelter in the Hindu states of this area due to the invasion of Nadir Shah. Pahari Qualam is a beautiful combination of natural beauty of this region and the glamour of Mughal court of Delhi. Under the patronage of the small kings of the hill-states, it spread through Jammu to Tehri and Pathankot to Kullu. The painters maintained the indigenous style in spite of the Mughal influence. The Pahari school narrates Indian Mythological and religious stories. Portrait paintings were also very popular among the patrons of this school. Though the characters are from Hindu religious stories, they are sometimes shown in Mughal costumes. The artists of Jammu, Kangra and Guler combined the best aspects of Mughal and Rajasthan styles. The main centres of Pahari school were Basholi, Guler, Kangra, Chamba, Mandi, Kullu, Bilaspur, Jammu, Nalagarh, Garhwal, Kashmir, Dharamshala etc.

Themes of Pahari miniature paintings are influenced by classical literature, music and local cultures. The painters are masters in expressing the beauty of nature and women.

These paintings are done on handmade paper, which is made of bamboo, cotton and other materials. These are popularly known as "Sialkoti paper". After the lines are drawn on the paper, it is given a coat of white colour. The surface of the paper is polished by rubbing a smooth stone on it and colours are applied on this surface. The painters also used stencils to reproduce more copies of the painting.

Pahari school began to decline in the 19th C.A.D., not before it achieved excellence in the art of miniature painting. The school is characterised by its tender colouring, sensitive and emotional style and more convincing use of perspective and foreshortening.

9.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying this lesson the learner will be able to -

- describe the background, region, contribution of Mughal court, religions and literature;
- describe the enlisted art-works with appreciation;
- differentiate between the styles of Rajasthani school and Pahari school;
- explain the characteristic features of these paintings;
- identify the medium, technique and style of Pahari school painting;
- state of the names of painter's and their paintings.



Krishna Waiting for Radha

9.2 KRISHNA WAITING FOR RADHA

Title	-	<i>Krishna waiting for Radha</i>
Medium	-	<i>Tempera on Sialkoti paper</i>
Period	-	<i>1730 A.D.</i>
Size	-	<i>12.2"x8.1"</i>
Theme	-	<i>A very popular theme of Krisna Leela</i>
Style	-	<i>Basholi</i>
Artist	-	<i>Manku</i>
Technique	-	<i>Tempera</i>
Collection	-	<i>National Museum New Delhi</i>

General Description

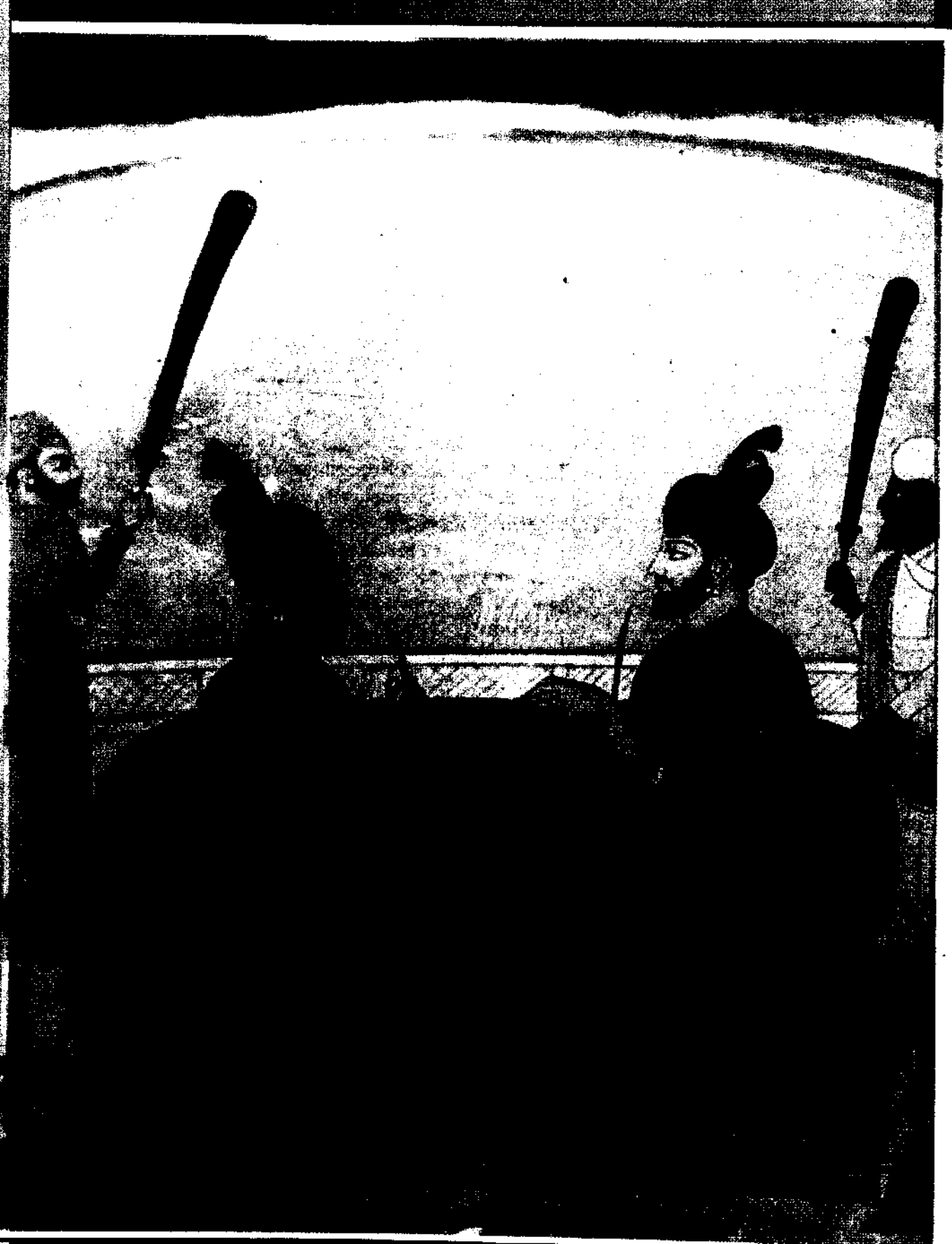
"Geet Govinda" was written by Bengali poet Jaidev on 'Krisna-Leela' during 11th C.A.D. and became very popular all over India. The painters of Basholi were influenced by poetic descriptions of "Krisna-Leela" and used these most romantically in their paintings. This painting is one of those, in which Krisna, Radha and her friends are shown. The allegorical presentation of Krisna and Radha as *Paramatma* (Supreme being) and *Atma* (human being) respectively and the Gopinis (friends) as '*Guru*' (Preceptor), elevate the theme to a spiritual level. The *Guru* persuades a person to meet "*Paramatma*", as Gopinis are trying to convince Radha to meet waiting Krishna.

Basholi paintings are characteristic by flat backgrounds with simplified forms of trees. Faces are in profile and colour are warm and bright.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (9.2)

Choose the right answer

- (a) This painting belong to the style of
- Kishan garh
 - Basholi
 - Chamba
- (b) The painter was inspired by the following book
- Shri Madbhagavat
 - Mahabharata
 - Geeta-Govinda
- (c) Match the following
- | | |
|--------------|-----------------|
| (i) Radha | (i) Atma |
| (ii) Krisna | (ii) Guru |
| (iii) Gopini | (iii) Paramatma |



9.3 KING OF CHAMBA JIT SINGH AND KING OF KANGRA SANSAR CHAND

Title	- <i>King of Chamba and king of Kangra</i>
Medium	- <i>Water colours</i>
Period	- <i>Circa 1800 A.D</i>
Size	- <i>28.5 X 22cm.</i>
Theme	- <i>Chamba king Jeet Sing and Kangra king Sansar Chand in a courtesy meeting</i>
Technique	- <i>Tempra</i>
Material	- <i>Paper (hand made)</i>
Artist	- <i>NainSukh</i>
Collection	- <i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>

General Description

Raja Sansar Chand was a great admirer and patron of art. His time was a golden age of Indian painting of the pahari school. The painting documents the friendship of two rulers of Pahari States and art-lovers. Raja Jeet Singh of Chamba and Raja Sansar Chand are relaxing and smoking from Hukka. In a background of yellow space and blue sky, the Royal costumes appear very colourful. The kings are flanked by attendants. This is a very good example of portraiture of pahari school of Kangra.

INTEXT QUESTIONS: (9.3)

Fill up the blanks

- This painting is painted by _____.
- This painting belongs to _____ school.
- The enlisted painting is a good example of _____ Pahari School.

9.4 SUMMARY

Pahari School of painting is quite distinct from Rajasthani school. This region was more exposed to different religious beliefs and Mughal influence. The school is famous for beautiful flowing lines and brilliant colours. The court painting of portraits become popular along with literary, mythical and secular themes. The painters of Pahari School were great lovers of nature and depicted nature with care and love in their paintings.

9.5 ANSWER OF INTEXT QUESTIONS.

- 9.2 (a) (ii) Basholi
(b) (iii) Geeta Govinda
(c) Radha - Atma
Krisna - Paramatma
Gopini - Guru
- 9.3. (a) Nainsukh
(b) Pahari School
(c) Portraiture

9.6 MODEL QUESTIONS

1. Describe the main theme of Pahari painting.
2. What do you know about the characteristic features of Pahari painting.
3. Describe the painting "Krisna is waiting for Radha".
4. Throw some light on the technique of Pahari miniature painting.

9.7 GLOSSARY

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|---------------|---|---|
| Krishna-Leela | - | Different stories about Krishna |
| Allegorical | - | 1. Symbolic narration 2. Picture reverting a hidden meaning |
| Secular | - | Non religious subjects |
| Foreshorten | - | 1. Represent as having less depth or distance than reality, so as to convey an effect of perspective.
2. Shorten or reduce in time or scale. |

11

Company School

11.0 INTRODUCTION

The British traders reached India in the last decade of the sixteenth century and this trade was put on a strong footing. Other companies from United Netherlands and France followed the British. In time, the British became the major power in India by defeating the rival French at Plassy in 1757. In 1765 Lord Clive was granted authority by the Emperor of England to collect taxes in the eastern provinces through the East India Company bypassing the Nawab of Bengal.

The term 'Company painting' has come to be used by art historians for a special type of Indian painting which was produced for Europeans and was heavily influenced by European taste. Although many different Company styles developed in different parts of India, the term covers a single phenomenon: an attempt by Indian artists to work in a mixed Indo-European style which would appeal to the Europeans who were employed by the various East India companies; hence the name.

This was the time when the art of the Mughals and Rajput miniatures had become exhausted. Indian artists were recruited by the East India Company for drawings blue prints for railway projects, and natural history surveys or freelancing for British civilians who wanted to take home souvenirs.

Apart from the merchants and officials of these companies, various other European travellers, adventurers made their way to India. The British soon found that the Indian subjects could be depicted far more accurately by Indian artists, to whom these subjects were familiar than by themselves and hired Indian artists to paint for them. The direct influence of Europeans produced a new style of watercolour painting including western perspective and shading.

Many painters from Murshidabad migrated to Patna (now the capital of Bihar) around 1760. By the end of the century, this city became the headquarters of one of eleven areas of art centres into which the British East India Company divided Bengal. This is known as the Company school of painting from the fact that its patrons belonged to the East India Company. This style is also known as Patna school.

Inspired by the trends, artist families in places such as Tanjore, Trichinopoly, Delhi, Murshidabad, Patna, Calcutta, Banaras and Lucknow, all produced paintings of subjects of local interest in distinctive local styles. They began to work in water colour rather than gouache; they often modified their colour range, and preferred more muted colours of the European engravings. Both subject-matter and style were influenced by the English watercolours and prints which the artists saw around them in increasing numbers.

The portraits produced at the end of the eighteenth century show sharp features and the use of very thick lines to define the eyes. Other miniatures show small, squat figures, whose faces are modelled with brown wash instead of the earlier stipple.

11.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying this module the learner will be able to:

- explain the influence of colonial art and culture on Indian paintings;
- write the name of colours used in paintings of the period;
- identify the artist of enlisted paintings of Company school;
- mention the main characteristics of Company school paintings;
- describe method and materials used, place, and style of enlisted paintings;
- describe the details of paintings of the periods.



11.2 A GROUP OF KASHMIRI ARTISANS

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>A Group of Kashmiri artisans</i>
<i>Period</i>	-	<i>Mid 18th century (1850)</i>
<i>Artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Water colour</i>
<i>Style</i>	-	<i>Company school</i>
<i>Technique</i>	-	<i>Tempera</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi</i>
<i>Material</i>	-	<i>Paper (hand made)</i>

General Description

During this period many paintings were done but very few examples are available, sometimes their artists are not known. One painting "A group of Kashmiri Artisans" has a mention. This painting is done on paper with water colour. A group consisting of eight men, two women and three children are painted in the painting. The men in the painting are engrossed in embroidering colourful shawls. The women are admiring the craftsmanship of their men. The whole group is sitting on a carpet in a house which has a wooden roof. An old man is enjoying his *hukka*. The roof and floor is leading to well defined perspective. The colours used are sober deep sepia ochre and red, and contrast strongly with the white clothes of the figure. The figure have pointed noses, heavy eyebrows, deep-seated staring eyes and thin faces. Very little shading was used and modelling with stippling is frequent.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (11.2)

1. Choose the right answer-

- (a) Medium of this painting is
 - (i) tempera
 - (ii) Oil colour
 - (iii) Water colour
- (b) Indian artists are inspired by
 - (i) Rajput miniature
 - (ii) Mughal
 - (iii) Western art.
- (c) The painter of this painting used
 - (i) Stippling
 - (ii) Line shading
 - (iii) Flat colour



11.3 THE BIRD

<i>Title</i>	-	<i>Untitled</i>
<i>Period</i>	-	<i>Circa 19th C.A.D.</i>
<i>Name of the artist</i>	-	<i>Unknown</i>
<i>Medium</i>	-	<i>Black Ink</i>
<i>Style</i>	-	<i>Company school</i>
<i>Collection</i>	-	<i>National Museum, New Delhi.</i>

General Description

The technique of painting, where the picture was painted with a brush without a pencil drawing, was known as Kajli (kali) syahi, syah kalam or black ink. This untitled painting is done in black ink on paper. The unknown artist has managed to catch the sense of the surprised bird. The wing feathers are minutely depicted, like ornamental looped curtains. Earlier pictures were drawn on paper produced locally or imported from Nepal, but later, European machine-made paper was used.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (11.3)

1. Fill up the blanks:-

- (a) The technique of the painting is
 - (b) The picture is drawn on the paper imported from
 - (c) This painting is done in style.
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11.4 SUMMARY

The decline of Mughal art and Rajasthan schools of paintings occurred when the British joined the Mughal aristocracy as patrons. The Indian sympathy for birds and animals coincided with the need of the new masters for scientific studies of India's flora and fauna. The British, who had come to India as merchants during Akbar's reign became the major power. The term 'Company painting' also known as Patna school has come to be used for a special type of Indian painting which was produced for Europeans and was heavily influenced by Europeans taste. Although many different idioms of the Company style developed in different parts of India, the term covers a single phenomenon: an attempt by Indian artists to work in a mixed Indo-European style which would appeal to the Europeans who were employed by the various East India companies.

11.5 ANSWERS OF INTEXT QUESTIONS

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|------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 11.2 | (a) Water colour | (b) Western art | (c) Stippling |
| 11.3 | (a) Kajli Syahi | (b) Nepal | (c) Company |
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11.6 MODEL QUESTIONS

Give brief description of the following:

1. Why Company school is also known as Patna school?
 2. Why Indian artists were hired by the Europeans?
 3. Describe the subjects of Company School paintings.
 4. Describe the characteristics of Company School paintings.
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11.7 GLOSSARY:

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|-----------|---|--|
| Stippling | - | Drawing by means of dots or small touches |
| Engraving | - | the art of forming designs by cutting, corrosion by acid on the surface of metal plate for the purpose of taking impressions or print of the design. |

12

Pioneers of Contemporary Art Movements in India

12.0 INTRODUCTION

When Indians lost their war of independence in 1857, India became a British colony. At that moment, art movement succeeded in weaning away the young painters to the strong influence of British naturalism and classical western art, but it soon lost its relevance. The age-old themes derived from epics and classical literature, so popular among the Bengal School artists, did not remain relevant to the needs of a changing society. The Indian people on the one hand were reeling under the British oppression and on the other hand were trying to throw away the yoke of slavery. They were struggling to usher in an era of independence, of self-respect and self-determination in socio-economic and political spheres. The need was felt for an art form which reflected the mood of a changing society.

12.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying this module, learner will be able to:

- Describe the evolution of Bengal School art.
- State the name of artists, methods and material, sizes, themes and places of enlisted paintings.
- Tell the title of enlisted paintings of the period.
- Identify the art of Bengal School painting from other paintings.

While travelling into India, British brought prints of paintings from Europe. The availability of European prints provided Indian artists new modes of expression and new ways of looking at problems of naturalistic representation. This European component in Mughal painting was a lasting contribution that filtered through into the later regional schools from which Company artists were recruited. Many of the traditional artists got opportunities to see them at work. It was in this informal and un-programmed way that the Indian artists of, what has been called the Company School of painting, gained some skill in the Western type of realism. When this change was taking place arose one artist who became the legend of Indian paintings of modern era in the form of Ravi Varma (1848-1906)



Ravana and Sita

12.2 RAVANA AND JATAYU

Title	–	<i>Ravana and Jatayu</i>
Artist	–	<i>Raja Ravi Varma</i>
Medium	–	<i>Oil</i>
Style	–	<i>European</i>
Collection	–	<i>National Museum; New Delhi</i>

General Description

Raja Ravi Varma belonged to the Royal family of Travancore (on the south west coast of India). He painted in oil and his work, in a late Neo-classical style, has a Victorian heaviness. The staginess of his art is much clearer to us than it was to his contemporaries, who considered him the most outstanding painter in the western academic style. His painting were reproduced in oleographs and distributed widely. His painting are mostly with an epic or religious subject matter. He was not an incompetent portrait painter, his sole contribution perhaps is that he re-introduced Indian subjects as sacred national ideals and vision. An example of Raja Ravi Varma's oil paintings is *Ravana and Jatayu* based on epic Ramayan. Varma reveals here his ability to seize movement and build up a composition on the principle of dynamic balance. Jatayu is trying to free Sita from Ravana. In the act Ravana has cut the right wing of Jatayu with his sword. By covering her face Sita is avoiding to see the cruelty of *Ravana*. Upward movement of *Ravana* suggests the fleeing with *Sita*. Ravi Varma perpetuated a kind of Indian feminine type. Other paintings of Raja Ravi Varma '*Harishchandra*', '*Bhusma's Vow*', '*Hansa Damayanti*' are all good examples.

IN-TEXT QUESTIONS (12.2)

Fill in the blanks-

1. Ravi Varma belonged to _____ (A) Artist family (B) Royal Family (C) Poor Family.
2. Ravi Varma did painting in _____ (A) Water colour, (B) Tempera, (C) Oil.
3. _____ was the first Indian painter to paint in Oil (A) Alagiri Naidu, (B) Raja Raja Varma, (C) Ravi Varma.
4. _____ made Ravi Varma famous (A) Photograph, (B) Oleograph, (C) Lithograph.



Radhika

12.3 BENGAL SCHOOL

Abanindranath Tagore, a member of famous Tagore family of Calcutta, wanted to develop a form of art which could be identified as Indian art and at the same time contemporary to art. His vision in the history of Tagore's place as a pioneer because the reason of this art movement and several other artists such as the Bengal School, including such artists as Abanindranath Tagore, Gaganendranath Tagore, Evaristo Chatterjee, Chaitanyo and others. Several of these were represented in different parts of the country and spread the style of Abanindranath, which is known as Bengal School style of art.

In the Art Schools at Benares, Dhaka, Madras, Poona, Calcutta, Bombay and Lahore which had been established by - the British, the western art education used to be given in which water colour and oil painting techniques were taught in separate styles. For some time Abanindranath worked as a teacher in Calcutta Art School and made arrangements for teaching Indian classical art. Thus he was able to generate a great interest in the young students for the Indian Classical art. Gradually the Indian movements were deeply rooted in the Bengal School.

The characteristics and the themes of Bengal School are reflected in the historical, religious literary paintings etc. the most significant characteristic of Bengal School is its colour system which is known by "wash" technique.

Bengal School could make its impression on the contemporary Indian art for a limited period because the young artists of new generation mostly started being influenced by the then prevailing social and political conditions.

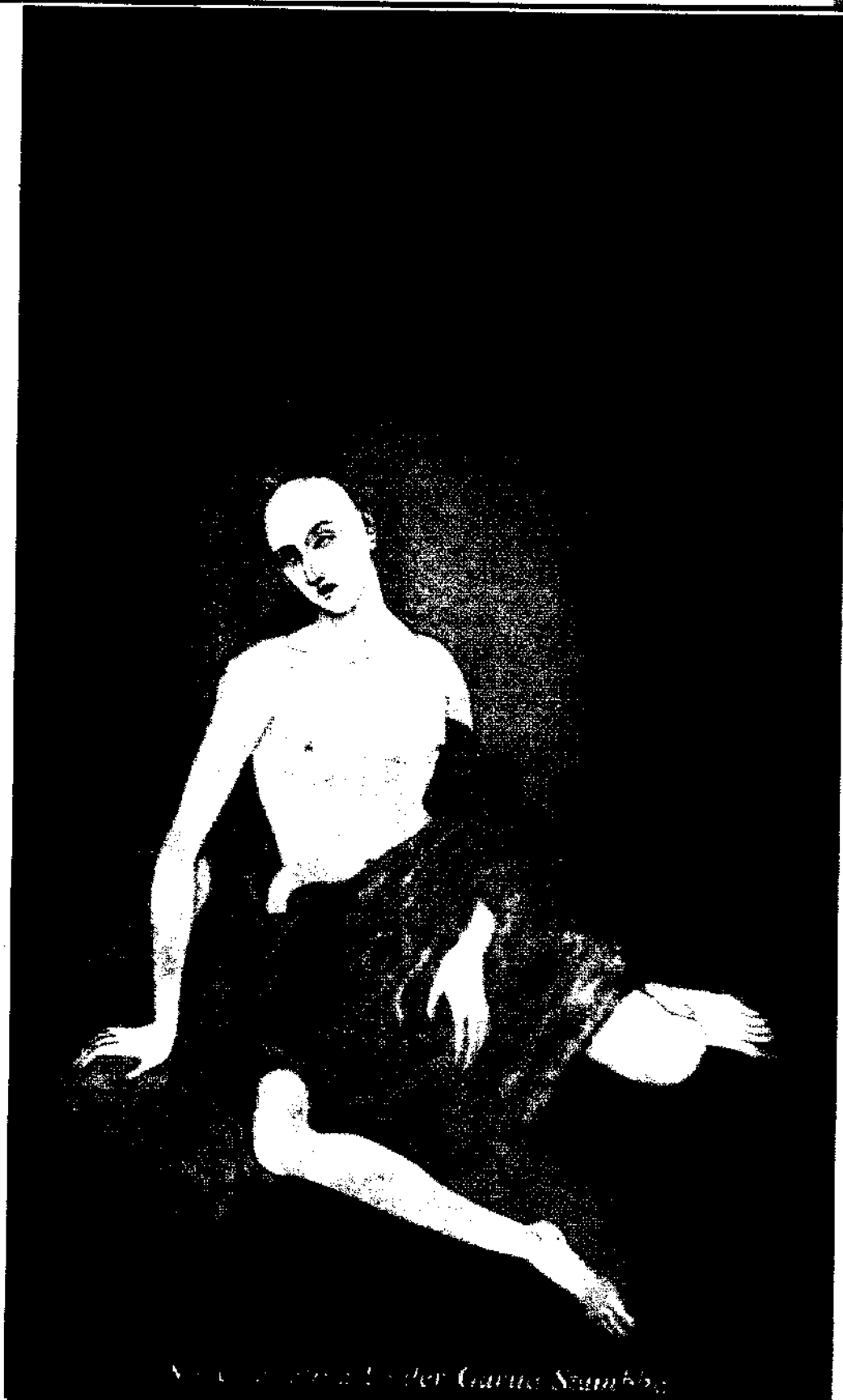
12.4 RADHIKA

Title	- Radhika
Artist	- Abanindra Nath Tagore
Medium	- Water colour and Wash on Paper
Style	- Bengal School
Size	- 14x21 cm
Collection	- National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi (ACC 1861)

General Description

The foremost pioneer of Bengal School, Sri Abanindranath Tagore was born on 7 August 1871. In 1905, Abanindranath was appointed Vice-Principal of Calcutta School of Art. Younger artists began to adopt Abanindranath's manner, with its tepid colour and wistful sentimentality. Abanindranath combined the Indian tempera - techniques with the Japanese water colour evolving a new style of painting called the wash technique. He also evolved a mystic and mellow style with diffused light background and elongated lyrical figures. *Radhika* is an example of Abanindranath style. *Radha* has gone to collect some water in an earthen pot from river. In a simple composition *Radha* is shown wearing a typical sari in Bengalee style. The figure is very natural, soothing and delicate. Tempera also became a popular medium of Bengal School painters. In his later works Abanindranath was influenced by calligraphist and painters from China and paint makers from Japan.

Students of Bengal School took inspiration from ancient epics classical literature; their compositions were usually based on the format of Rajput and Pahari paintings.



Nude Female Figure (after Francis Bacon)

IN-TEXT QUESTIONS (12.4)

Fill in the blanks:-

- (1) The new style of painting evolved by Abanindra Nath is called as _____.
 - (2) _____ is an example of Abanindra Nath Style.
 - (3) Abanindra Nath was influenced by _____ and _____ from China and paint makers of Japan.
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12.5 SRI CHAITANYA UNDER GARUD STAMBHA

Title	—	<i>Sri Chaitanya under Garud Stambha</i>
Artist	—	<i>Nandalal Bose</i>
Medium	—	<i>Wash and Tempera on Paper</i>
Style	—	<i>Bengal School</i>
Size	—	<i>22.8 x 40 cm</i>
Collection	—	<i>National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi (ACC 4791)</i>

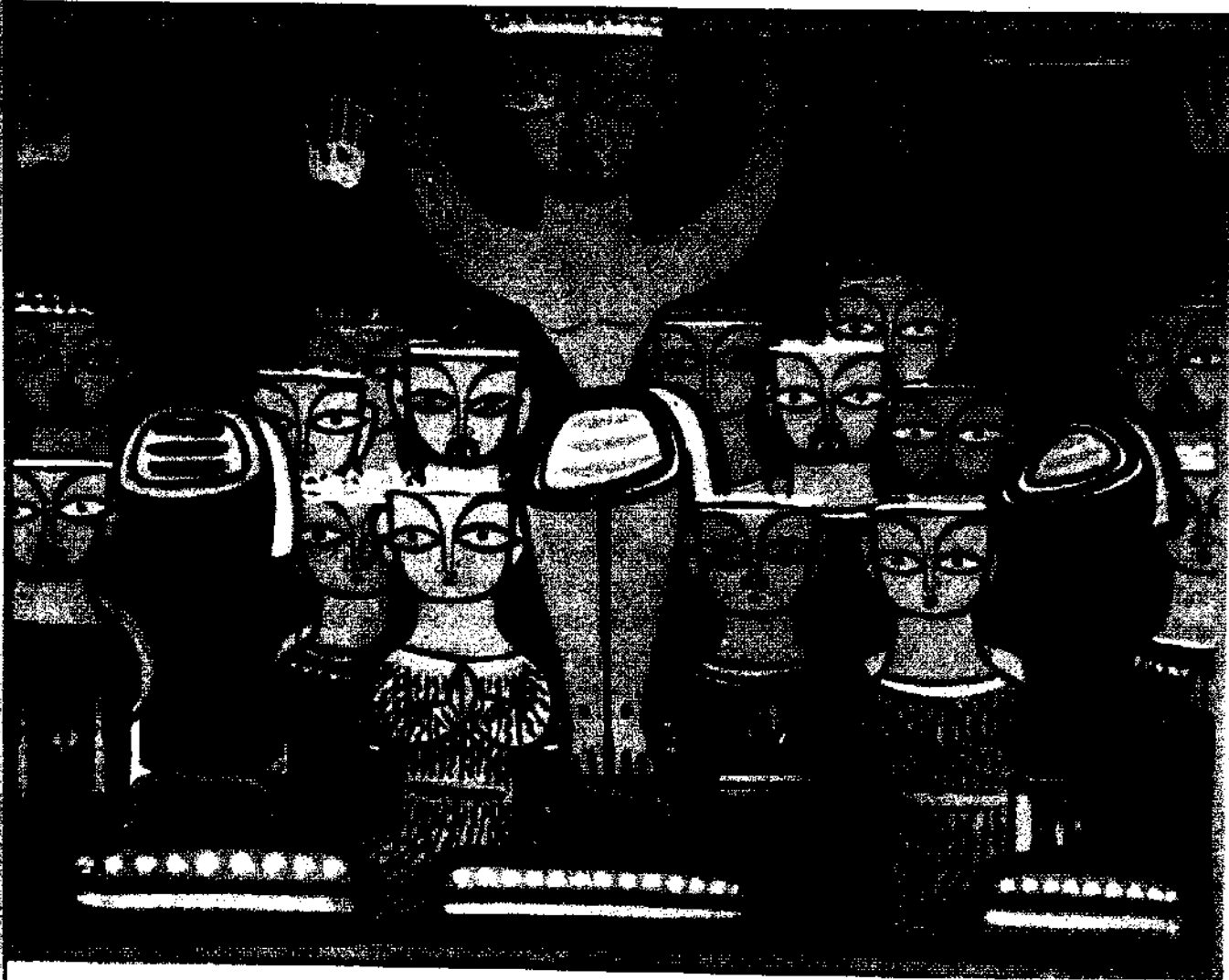
General Description

Abanindra Nath's disciple Nandalal Bose learnt at Govt. School of Art & Craft, Calcutta and extended the tradition by doing paintings in a different style. Shantiniketan flourished under Nandalal Bose. Nandalal had a great respect for the Indian tradition both in art and life. He visited Ajanta and the Bagh caves in 1920-21, carefully making studies and drawing of the murals which later reflected in his works. *Nandalal painted Sri Chaitanya under Garud Stambha* in mixed medium (wash & tempera). *Chaitanya* in grief is reclining against a pillar. He is supporting his body with his right hand. Part of his body is covered with a cloth. The gesture of limbs suggests depression. Longish fingers are with feminine delicacy. On the top of pillar Garud-the carrier of Lord Vishnu, is sitting. A divine light is pouring down to Chaitanya suggesting the blessings.

IN-TEXT QUESTIONS (12.5)

Circle the correct word:-

1. Art schools were established by (A) EB Havell, (B) British, (C) Abanindra Nath
 2. Nandalal Bose followed (A) EB Habell (B) Gogonendra Nath, (C) Abanindra Nath
 3. Nandalal Bose learnt at (A) Govt. School of Art, & Craft calcutta (B) Art School of Mumbai (C) Art School of Madras.
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Crucifixion

12.6 CRUCIFIXION

<i>Title</i>	–	<i>Crucifixion</i>
<i>Artist</i>	–	<i>Jamini Roy</i>
<i>Medium</i>	–	<i>Tempera on cloth</i>
<i>Style</i>	–	<i>Folk Art</i>
<i>Size</i>	–	<i>88.5 x 66.5 cm</i>
<i>Collection</i>	–	<i>National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi (ACC 157)</i>

General Description

Jamini Roy developed his own style rejecting both Bengal School and western style. His style is based on Bengal Folk art form. Jamini Roy was born in April 1882 at Baliatore District Bankura in Bengal. When Jamini Roy was sixteen years of age, he was sent to Kolkata (Calcutta) to study painting. Though he was trained in western techniques but instead of using western facilities he reduced to seven colours which he prepared with local earth colours crushed in tamarind glue or in the white of the egg. For the greys, he used the mud of river; for the vermilion he took from the ritual composition used by women; blue is just the simple indigo and white lime. And when he required black, it was the modest black of soot that he employed. In the preparation of his canvas he used cowdung. In his paintings he portrayed all the activities of the people. He expressed religious scenes, strange ritual dances etc. Jamini used the traditional tempera technique. His sources of inspiration were the pata-chitras of Kalighat and terracotta toys of Bankura. His paintings show a remarkable economy of lines, simplicity of drawing and solidity in his compositions. The art of Jamini Roy, however, does not limit itself to the face of India; it has sometimes searched for inspiration from outside countries. It resulted in strange portrait of Christ. Crucifixion is the resemblance with those painted in Byzantium and is an astonishing painting. This painting in tempera on paper shows the event of crucifixion of Christ. Amongst three figures, two right and left side figures are painted in dark colours thus giving the importance to the central figure. In the background a number of followers are praying with folded hands. The mood of the entire painting is grief.

IN TEXT QUESTION (12.6)

Choose the correct word:-

1. Jamini Roy used (A) Natural colours, (B) British colours, (C) Wash Colours
2. Jamini was born in (A) April 1882, (B) June 1838. (C) July 1882
3. Jamini Roy used the traditional (A) Tempera Technique (B) Acrylic Colours (C) Oil Colours
4. The mood of Jamini Roy's Crucifixion is (A) Joy, (B) Horror (C) Grief.

12.7 SUMMARY

After the negligence of Indian art by the later Mughals, the new rulers emerged as artists. Ravi Varma born in a princely family of Kilimanoor near Travancore. Raja Ravi Varma painted in oil and in a style that was akin to academic realism. Both means and methods were European. He was popularized through the oleographs issued by his press established in Bombay.

The greatest contribution of the Bengal School was restoring the pride of educated people in their rich cultural heritage and weaning them away from thoughtless imitation of British art and western cultural influences. Thus the Bengal School succeeded in bringing the painters, sculptors, poets and musicians into the mainstream of the Indian Art.

The painters, who started their career under the guidance of masters of Bengal School, were soon exposed to the art of Impressionists and the Expressionists of Europe. This exposure opened up new dimensions of pictorial arts to them. They started experimenting with new mediums, themes and techniques. Their paintings started reflecting a new sense of freedom and a great individual thrust. Artists rejected the romanticism and lyricism of Bengal School and moved over to working on themes which were relevant to the changing socio-political conditions of the country. These painters and sculptors are called the radicals of Bengal School.

12.8 MODEL QUESTIONS

Give brief description of the following:

1. What was the purpose of East India Company to recruit the Indian artists?
2. Describe the themes of Ravi Varma's paintings?
3. Write on Abanindranath's Painting 'Radhika'.
4. Describe the painting 'Chaitanya under Guard Stambha'.

12.9 ANSWERS OF IN-TEXT QUESTIONS:

12.2 : 1B, 2C, 3C, 4B

12.4 : (1) Wash-techniques, (2) Radhika, (3) Calligraphist, painters.

12.5 : 1C, 2C, 3A

12.6 : 1A, 2A, 3A, 4C

13

Contemporary Art of India

13.0 INTRODUCTION

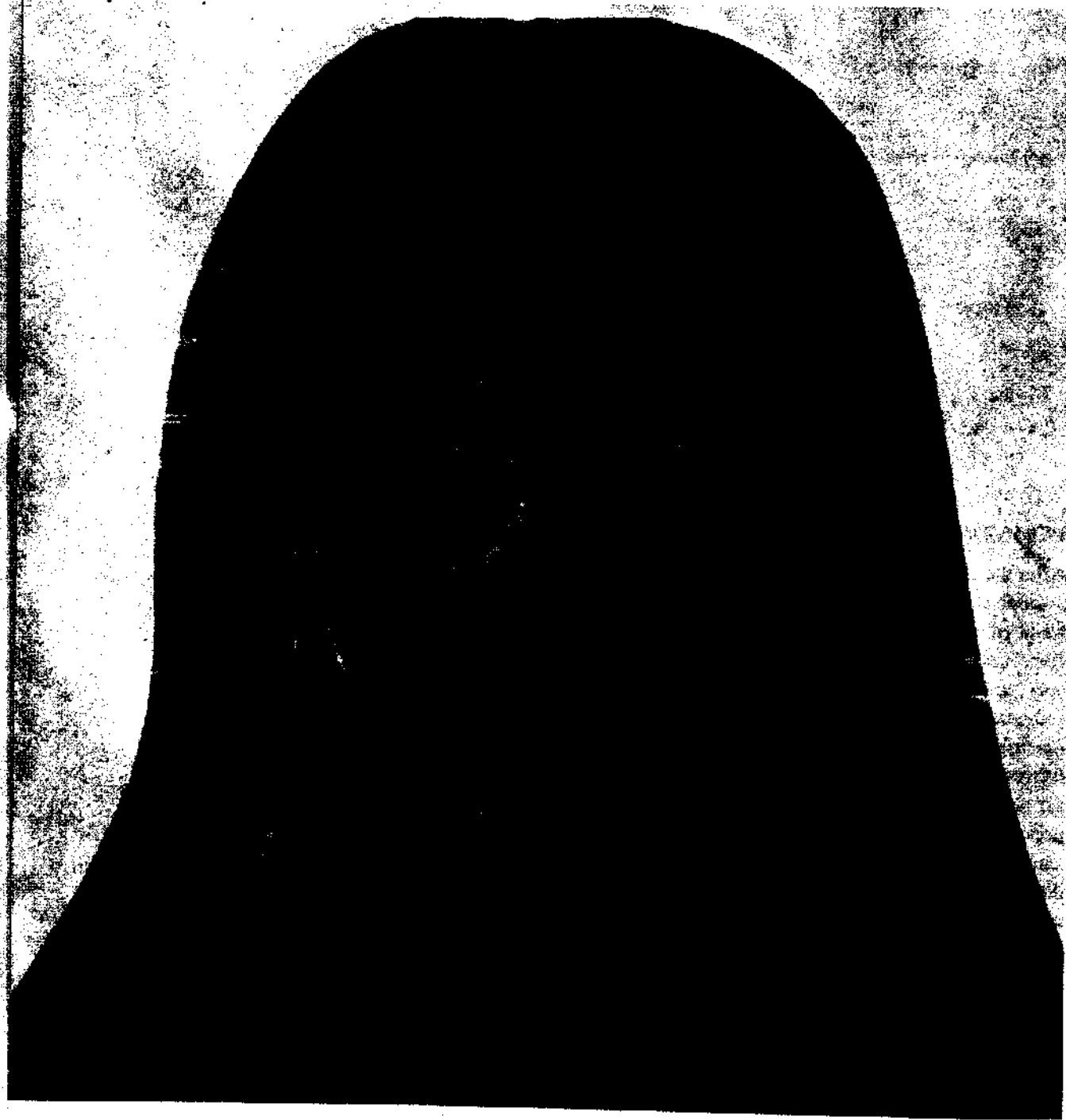
After the decline of Mughal and Pahari paintings and traditional plastic art, there was a vacuum in the field of art in India during the 19th C. Government schools of art were founded in the presidency towns to train Indian art students, mainly in European style. Raja Ravi Verma, a self taught painter of South, popularized mythological theme with very realistic style of the west. Abanindranath Tagore from Bengal, developed an indigenous style of painting and built up the Bengal school, along with his worthy disciples like Nandalal Bose, Benode-Behari, Sarada Ukil and others. When this movement was spreading all over India, Amrita Shergil, trained in Paris, appeared in the art scene of India. She combined the western technique with Indian spirit which appealed the young generation of painters. The famous poet Rabindranath Tagore, started painting at the age of 67 and brought the expressionist style in his painting. In the same period, Jamini Roy, rediscovered the beauty of Folk art and redefined it into modern art.

The above-mentioned pioneers of contemporary art were followed by many young artists with different view towards life. The painting of "Calcutta group" of Bengal and "Progressive artist group" of Bombay contributed substantially in the development of contemporary Indian art.

13.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying this lesson, the learner should be able to:

- explain the evolution of Modern Art movement;
- identify the works of enlisted Modern (contemporary) artists and sculptors;
- state the name of methods and materials, size, theme and place of enlisted paintings and sculptures;
- tell the title of the enlisted paintings and sculptures.



Woman Face

13.2 WOMAN FACE

<i>Title</i>	–	<i>Woman Face</i>
<i>Artist</i>	–	<i>Rabindra Nath Tagore</i>
<i>Period</i>	–	<i>1937</i>
<i>Collection</i>	–	<i>National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi (ACC 1241)</i>
<i>Size</i>	–	<i>50.5 x 53cm</i>
<i>Medium</i>	–	<i>Ink & Brush on Paper</i>

General Description

Rabindra Nath Tagore set up 'KALA BHAWAN' in Santiniketan and brought Abanindranath Tagore, Nandalal Bose and others. Though a contemporary of Bengal School painters, he did not look for inspiration from the classical Indian Art or the romanticism of Indian Miniatures. His drawings and head studies seem to be from subconscious mind. Rabindra Nath's drawings and colour balances are simple. He used subdued and dark tones of colours. In this painting (woman face) he used light wash of pink and brown ink. The woman's head is covered with her 'saree'. Her lips are drawn in such a way as if she is about to whisper something.

The face of the woman had been rendered in soft, light washes of ink showing pathos and tenderness.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (13.2)

Fill up the blanks

- (a) Rabindranath Tagore was a _____ of Bengal school.
 - (b) In his paintings he used _____ and brown ink.
 - (c) His drawings are from _____ mind.
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Adornment of Bride

13.3 ADORNMENT OF BRIDE

Title	:	<i>Adornment of Bride</i>
Artist	:	<i>Amrita Shergil</i>
Period	:	<i>1937</i>
Collection	:	<i>National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi</i>
Size	:	<i>144.5x86cm</i>
Medium	:	<i>Oil on Canvas</i>

General Description

"ADORNMENT OF BRIDE" is a composition with five figures. The colour contrasts of the bodies of the maid and the bride binds the group. The mauve, pinks, greens, whites and browns against her favourite pale green background, makes the painting well balanced and harmonious.

Her aim was always to create an art connected with Soul. The rhythm of the painting 'Adornment of bride' was achieved by the use of hand gestures. On the foreground there are two earthen 'gharas'. One girl is dressing the hairs of the bride and the other girl is holding a pot. The bride's both palms are painted with red colour which is commonly used during marriage ceremony in India. Most of her compositions are based on simplified forms and colours. She was influenced by Ajanta murals and Rajput miniature painting. She combined the Indian influence with her European technique and style of painting.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (13.3)

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

- (a) Amrita Shergil used _____ medium in her painting.
 - (b) Her most of the paintings are _____ composition.
 - (c) Bride's both palms are painted with _____ colour.
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Santhal Family

13.4 SANTHAL FAMILY

<i>Title of the Sculpture</i>	–	<i>Santhal Family</i>
<i>Sculptor</i>	–	<i>Ram Kinker Vaij</i>
<i>Period</i>	–	<i>1938</i>
<i>Collection</i>	–	<i>Shantiniketan, West Bengal</i>
<i>Size</i>	–	<i>290x200x315 cm Height</i>
<i>Medium</i>	–	<i>Concrete</i>

General Description

Ramkinkar studied at Visva-Bharati in Shantiniketan and was closely associated with Nandalal Bose and Binod Bihari Mookherjee. He is one of the best known sculptors and painters of India. One of his famous sculptures *Yaksha & Yakshini* is installed at The Reserve Bank of India, New Delhi. His approach towards the handling of the subject and material was bold. He generally used concrete which is easily available to create a rough texture. *Santhal Family* is made of the same medium. The composition comprises of a man, a woman, a child and a dog. They are moving towards a new destination with full of hope and aspiration, leaving behind their home in search of work.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (13.4)

Choose the right Answer

- (a) Ramkinkar's '*Santhal Family*' is made of
 - (i) Sand Stone
 - (ii) Concrete
 - (iii) Bronze.
- (b) The sculptures on the doorway of Reserve Bank of India are created by
 - (i) D.P. Roy Chawdhuri
 - (ii) Ramkinkar
 - (iii) Dhanraj Bhagat.
- (c) He was a student of
 - (i) Visva Bharati
 - (ii) Delhi College of Art
 - (iii) J.J.School of Art.



Mother Teresa

14.5 MOTHER TERESA

<i>Title of the Painting</i>	—	<i>Mother Teresa</i>
<i>Artist</i>	—	<i>Maqbul Fida Hussain</i>
<i>Period</i>	—	<i>1988</i>
<i>Collection</i>	—	<i>National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi</i>
<i>Size</i>	—	<i>233X128cm</i>
<i>Medium</i>	—	<i>Oil on Canvas</i>

General Description

Hussain revealed the contradictions and inconsistencies of our society pictorially by juxtaposition of masses, colours and symbols. His paintings are synthesis of mythology and modern life. He started his career as a banner painter and that gave him confidence to handle huge spaces of large canvases.

He developed a simple style using strong lines and bold colours after going through rigorous self-discipline in his works. He is essentially an expressive and symbolic painter.

Mother Teresa, who lived in Kolkata and served the poor and the homeless is a world known personality. This inspired Hussain to paint series of paintings on Mother Teresa.

In the painting, Hussain has not shown her face, but left that space dark. The Saree with blue border identifies unmistakably Mother Teresa. It is a horizontal composition and divided into three parts by two uneven vertical pillars. The colours of the pillars are yellow and light brown. In the left, Mother is taking care of a child on her lap. In the center there are two Mother-like forms. They are faceless. One raised hand shows the gesture of blessings. The white veil of one of them is extended towards the right. The red reclining figure is covering the whole space from left to the right. A devotee is touching the hand of the figure. The dominant colours of the painting are dark purple, white, red, yellow and green.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (13.5)

Fill up the blanks—

- Hussain's painting is synthesis of _____ and _____.
- Mother Teresa lived in _____.
- Hussain started his carrier as a _____ painter.



Thon Prick

13.6 THORN PRICK

<i>Title</i>	–	<i>Thorn Prick</i>
<i>Artist</i>	–	<i>N.S. Bendre</i>
<i>Period</i>	–	<i>1955</i>
<i>Collection</i>	–	<i>National Gallery of Modern Art, New Delhi.</i>
<i>Size</i>	–	<i>119.3x168 cm</i>
<i>Medium</i>	–	<i>Oil on Board</i>

General Description

N.S.BENDRE studied at School of Art, Indore in western style. Later he headed the Fine Art Faculty of M.S.Univeristy Baroda and produced generations of Artists. He is undoubtedly a versatile painter and gradually cultivated his own style of painting. He is descriptive at one side and representative on the other side. His works are naturalistic as well as romantic.

The painting 'THORN PRICK' is a vertical composition which reminds certain compositions of Ajanta paintings. In the centre a woman is pricking a thorn with her right hand holding a branch of a tree with her left hand. There are triangular shaped hills and trees with a few branches and leaves. The painting is based on cubist style. He used dark and contrasting colours - such as blue, brown, red and yellow.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (13.6)

Fill up the blanks–

- (a) Bendre was head of the Department of painting in _____.
 - (b) His works are _____ as well as _____.
 - (c) The painting is based on _____ style.
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13.7 SUMMARY

After the contributions in the development of contemporary Indian art by the pioneers like Raja Ravi Verma, Abanindranath, Rabindranath, Amrita Shergil and Jamini Roy, Indian art was constantly nourished by artists like N.S.Bendre, F.N.Souza, M.F. Hussain, S.H. Raja, Ganesh Ryne Bikash Bhattacharya, Satish Gujral and others. In the South we have artists like Paniker, Srinivasulu and the Chalamandala group of artists.

13.8 MODEL QUESTIONS:

1. Write a brief description of the painting "WOMAN FACE"?
2. What type of materials 'RAM KINKAR' used for the sculpture?
3. Describe the composition of the painting 'ADORNMENT OF BRIDE'?
4. Write a paragraph on Hussain's style of painting?

13.9 ANSWER OF THE INTEXT QUESTIONS

- 13.2 (a) Contemporary (b) Light wash of pink (c) Subconscious.
13.3 (a) Oil colour (b) Simplified forms (c) Red
13.4 (a) Concrete (b) Ramkinkar (c) Visva Bharati
13.5 (a) Mythology and Modern life (b) Kolkata (c) Banner
13.6 (a) M.S. University, Baroda (b) Naturalistic, Romantic (c) Cubist

13.10 GLOSSARY

1. AFFILIATION - Attachment.
2. LYRICISM - Using emotional poetical language.
3. SYMBOLS - Not Literal.
4. ASPIRATION - Desire, Ambition.
5. CONTRADICION - Opposite
6. INCONSISTENCIES - Not logical
7. JUXTAPOSITION - Put side by side.
8. DOMINANT - Commanding influence.
9. RIGOROUS - Hard work.
10. MINIATURE - Small details
11. VERSATILE - Using different styles in subjects.
12. CONTRAST - Opposite
13. SCRIBBLE - Draw hurriedly or carelessly.

14

Folk Paintings

14.0 INTRODUCTION

Art comes spontaneously from the mind to communicate to others. Expression through art is an inherent quality of human being. Folk art, in the same way, springs unself-consciously, at a grass roots level, from people's most fundamental life experience. These folk artists are ordinary people and use very simple method and material. They make use of locally available materials and prepare their own colours and brushes. Twigs or bamboo sticks are used as brush for fine lines. A piece of cloth or cotton is wrapped on the tips of the twig to draw broad lines.

Colours are made from vegetation and locally available minerals. For example, orange colour is made from Harsingar (हरसिंगार) flower. These flowers are dried in the sun and then boiled to extract the colour. Gum is added to it as binder. Red colour is extracted from *chokander* (beet roots) and green from 'Orhud' (ओड़हुद) flower. The flowers are dried and mixed with lemon, alum and gum before it is boiled. For black colour, rusted iron is put in the molasses and is kept for ten days. The molasses turns black after it is boiled. Cobalt blue comes from *jamun* (black berry) fruits and golden colour from the skin of 'Anar' (Pome granate) fruit after adding Alum with it. This mixture is to be boiled for 48 hours. Haldi (Turmeric) supplies yellow colour.

14.1 OBJECTIVES

After studying this lesson the learners should be able to:

- describe distinctly the regional style of enlisted folk paintings.
- mention the method and materials used in the making of the arts.
- differentiate the identifying characteristics of the enlisted paintings.
- identify the area famous for the listed folk painting.

Now let us discuss some important forms of Indian folk art.



Kalighat Painting (Bengal)

14.2 KALIGHAT PAINTING (WEST BENGAL)

Kalighat paintings are painted by image-makers (Potua) of a locality of the same name in Kolkata. The enlisted painting is a good example in which an aristocrat is getting his ear cleaned by his servant. The distinction of their social status has been marked by the costumes and dresses.

The painting is characterized by a flat background and predominant use of colours like black, red and yellow. Figures are roundish in treatment and skin is left white. Use of light and shade to bring modeling is a noticeable element of Kalighat painting. It seems that Kalighat painters were fascinated with jewelry and ornaments. The big ear rings with pearls are interesting to note. Linearity is another characteristic of these folk forms.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (14.2)

Fill up the blanks

- (a) Kalighat painting belongs to _____ state.
 - (b) The painting is characterized by _____ background.
 - (c) Predominant colours are _____, _____, _____.
 - (d) The big _____ with pearls are interesting to note.
 - (e) An aristocrat is getting his _____ cleaned by his _____.
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Kalamkari
(Andhra Pradesh)

14.3 KALAMKARI (ANDHRA PRADESH)

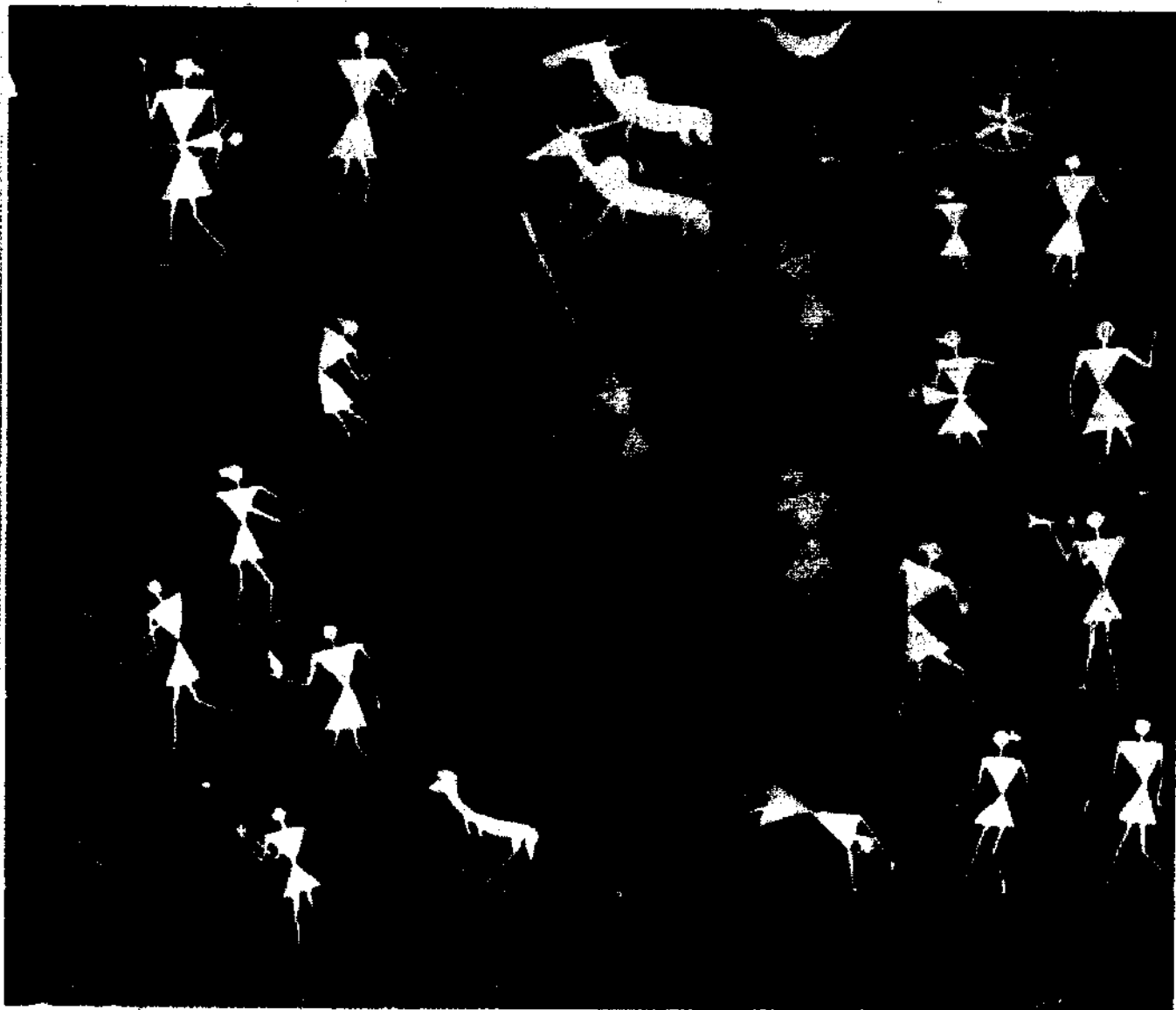
In Andhra Pradesh, both the Masulipatnam and Sri kalahasti villages are recognized as major centres for *Kalamkari* paintings. *Kalamkari* is done on cloth in batik painting and printing technique. A pen like hollow instruments is used to hold wax. So it is called *Kalam* (Pen) *Kari*. Blocks are used to print the design on the cloth. Both for dying and printing, vegetables colours are used.

The enlisted painting "Tree of Life" is a beautiful example of *Kalamkari* style. The design consists of traditional Indian motifs of flower on the stylized spread of branches and leaves. Few birds, including two peacocks, are part of this motif.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (14.3)

Fill up the blanks

1. Major centers of *Kalamkari* are _____, _____.
 2. *Kalamkari* is done on _____.
 3. Both _____ and _____ technique and used in *Kalamkari*.
 4. For dying and printing _____ colours are used.
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Warli (Maharashtra)

14.4 WARLI (MAHARASHTRA)

Warli painting are done by Warli tribe of Thane district of Maharashtra. It becomes well known internationally due to its famous painter *Jivya Soma Mase*.

This one is one of the beautiful paintings of Jivya Soma Mase, which shows the every day life of the *warlis*. Human figures are simplified into triangles and few straight lines. In spite of these simplifications, emotions are expressed in a superb way. The painting is more a statement of human and nature relationship than religious sentiments. The forms are generally drawn in white on a flat coloured background.

The picture shows some human figures and animals like monkey and snakes. The snakes are being fed by these persons.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (14.4)

Write the answers of the following

- (a) Name the animals, those are shown in this painting.
 - (b) How the human figures are drawn?
 - (c) Write the name of the folk painter of this picture.
 - (d) Which colour is mainly used in this painting?
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14.5 PHAD (RAJASTHAN)

Phad is one of the famous folk paintings style of Rajasthan, which generally depicts the royal and secular themes. These paintings are narrative in nature and are painted on flat ground. This enlisted picture is only a part of a panel, which shows Rajasthani men and women are engaged in various types of work. The whole panel is divided into some segments to describe different activities of social life of various people like, soldiers, worshippers, horse riders, and royal attendants on elephant and camels. In spite of multiple formats in the composition, a unity is achieved by the painter which binds all elements into one.

All the colours like red, yellow, green, black are very warm and decorative. The picture is full of local characteristics. The male members wear typical Rajasthani costumes like turban, belt, and long dress, while the females are in *Choli-lehenga* and *Dopatta*. Both men and women are decked in ornaments. "*Borla*", a kind of forehead ornaments for Rajasthani women, is also not missed.

Human figures are drawn in a very simple manner, though appear to be short. Lines are fluent and of equal thickness. "*Jhaokhas*" or covered balcony in the painting gives a Rajasthani character to the picture. The animals like, horse, elephant and specially camels are painted with charm and ornaments.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (14.5)

Fill up the blanks :

- (a) The picture shows men and women are _____ work.
 - (b) All the colours like _____, _____, _____ and decorative.
 - (c) The male members wear _____, _____ dress.
 - (d) The animals are painted _____.
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Madhuvani (Mithila, Bihar)

14.6 MADHUVANI (MITHILA, BIHAR)

Woman folks of Mithila paint the walls, floors and courtyard of their home during different festivals.

The enlisted picture depicts the diety of water. She is standing on an imaginary animal, floating on water (Jaladevi). The diety is with four arms, two of these arms are with lotus flowers, and one hand holds disc (*chakra*) and the other one holds a conchshell (*Shankha*). The background is totally covered with flower and leaf motifs. Forms are defined with two parallel outlines, which is a typical characteristic of *Madhuvani* paintings. Space between the two outlines remains white, and emphasises the brightly colour planes of the picture. Red, yellow and blue has been harmoniously used in this picture. Big eyes and long chin are special features of this painting style.

INTEXT QUESTIONS (14.6)

Write the answers of the following

- (a) Name the diety of this picture?
 - (b) What does she hold in her hands?
 - (c) Describe the background of the painting.
 - (d) What is the colour of her veil?
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14.7 SUMMARY

Indian states have a long tradition of folk art in different media. Folk art is a traditional art. Objects and decoration are made in a traditional fashion by craftsmen without formal training. A vast country like India have different tendencies in social and religious life. Almost each district of each state in India developed its individuality in art and craft. Folk artists decorate their home with painting. In recent times, these artists are painting on papers.

14.8 MODEL QUESTIONS

1. Write a note on *Madhubani* Painting.
2. Describe the *Kalighat* Painting.
3. What is *Warli* Painting, explain very briefly.

14.9 ANSWERS OF INTEXT QUESTIONS

- 14.2 (a) W. Bengal (b) Flat (c) Red, black, yellow
(d) Earrings (e) Ear, Servant.
- 14.3 (1) Masuli Patnam, Sri Kalahasti; (2) Cloth; (3) Painting, printing; (4) Vegetable.
- 14.4 (a) Snake and monkey (b) Triangles and few straight lines
(c) Jivya Soma Mase (d) White
- 14.5 (a) engaged in various types of work.
(b) Red, yellow, green, black etc. are very warm.
(c) Typical Rajasthani costumes like turban, belt and long.
(d) Charm and ornaments.
- 14.6 (a) Jaladevi (b) Lotus, disc and Conch Shell
(c) Filled with flower, leaf and fruit (d) Red

14.10 GLOSSARY

Binder - The gum binds the pigments of colour.

Image maker - Maker of different images of Gods and Goddesses like, *Durga*, *Kali*, *Lakshmi* etc. in clay, which are worshiped by devotees.

Aristocrat - Raja, Maharaja and land lords.

Linearity - mainly done in lines.

Secular theme - life of common people.

Formats - shape and size

Choli-lehenga - Blouse and skirt

Dopatta - Veil.