

UPSC 2021 Prelims

ART AND CULTURE Answer Key with Explanation

1. With reference to India, the terms ' Halbi, Ho and Kui' pertain to

- (a) Dance forms of Northwest India
- (b) Musical instruments
- (c) Pre -historic cave paintings
- (d) Tribal languages

Answer: D

Explanation

Halbi, Ho, Kui are all tribal languages.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halbi_language

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ho_language

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kui_language_\(India\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kui_language_(India))

2. With reference to Chausath Yogini Temple situated near Morena, consider the following statements:

- 1. It is a circular temple built during the region of Kachchhapaghata Dynasty.
- 2. It is the only circular temple built in India.
- 3. It was meant to promote the Vaishnava cult in the region.
- 4. Its design has given rise to a popular belief that it was the inspiration behind the Indian Parliament building.

Which one of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 2
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 4
- (d) 2, 3 and 4

Answer: C

Explanation

- The Chausath Yogini Temple, Mitaoli, also known as Ekattarso Mahadeva Temple, is an **11th-century** temple in Morena district in the Indian state of **Madhya Pradesh** **built by the** Kachchhapaghata Dynasty. **Statement 1 is correct.**

- It is one of the few well-preserved Yogini temples in India and one of the circular temples built in India. **Statement 2 is incorrect.**
- The temple is formed by a **circular wall** with 65 chambers, apparently for 64 yoginis and the goddess Devi, and an open mandapa in the centre of a circular courtyard, sacred to **Shiva**. **Statement 3 is incorrect.**
- **Statement 4 is correct:** Its design has given rise to a popular belief that it was the inspiration behind the Indian Parliament building.

3. Which one of the following statements is correct?

- (a) Ajanta Caves lie in the gorge of Waghora river.
- (b) Sanchi Stupa lies in the gorge of Chambal river.
- (c) Pandu-lena Cave Shrines lie in the gorge of Narmada river
- (d) Amaravati Stupa lies in the gorge of Godavari river

Answer: A

Explanation

- Ajanta lies in the gorge of Waghora River.
- Sanchi stupa lies in the gorge of Betwa river.
- Pandavleni, also known as Tirthankar Leni, Panch Pandav or Pandav Leni Jain cave, is ancient rock-cut sculptures complex located at Gomai River.
- Amaravati lies in the gorge of Krishna river.