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INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT FINAL EXAMINATION 2023 CLASS:XI

DATE OF EXAMINATION 23.02.2023

MARKING SCHEME

SUBJECT: PAINTING (049)

SET	QN.NO	VALUE POINTS	MARKS SPLIT UP
A	Q.1.	SECTION: A	1 x 8
	(A)	(i) Carving	1
	(B)	(ii) Seated Buddha Katra Mound	1
	(C)	(i) Bhimbetka	1
	(D)	(iii) Waghora river	1
	(E)	(i) Bronze	1
	(F)	(i) 'Wheel of dharma'	1
	(G)	(i) Qutub-ud-din	1
	(H)	(i) Dravida style	1
		SECTION-B	2 x 5

Q.2.	Marking scheme	2
Q.2.	Introduction of the sculpture Mother Goddess – 1 Mark	2
	Features of the sculpture Mother Goddess – 1 Mark	
	Key Points that can be used in the Answer	
	The Indus valley terra-cotta sculpture 'Mother Goddess' is mainly found in Mohenjo-Daro.	
	 Usually these figures are crude stand-up figures. 	
	• It is mostly decorated with necklaces hanging over the prominent breast and wearing a loin cloth and a griddle.	
	The fan-shaped crown with a cup like projection on each side is only a decorative feature of the mother goddess.	
	The pellet eyes and beaked nose are very simple shaped in figure and mouth is showed as a thin opening.	
	OR	
	Marking scheme Description of Earthenware – 1 Marks Description of Bull Seal – 1 Marks	
	Key Points that can be used in the Answer	
	Painted Earthenware	
	This Jar is made on a potter's wheel with clay. The shape was manipulated by the pressure of crafty fingers of the potter. After baking the clay model, it was painted with black colour. The motifs are geometric form. Designs are simple but with a tendency towards abstraction. High polish is used as a finishing touch.	
	Unicorn Bull Seal	
	This seal is called Unicorn bull. The figure depicted on it is the mixture of two animals. Up to neck it is looks like a horse, having single horn with special curvature and rest of the body looks like a bull without the hump. Some inscriptions of symbols are made on it which have different shapes.	
Q.3.	Key Points that can be used in the Answer	2
Q .3.	 In a marvelously unified and dynamic composition expressing the rhythm and harmony of life, Nataraj is shown with four hands representing the cardinal directions (four directions). He is dancing with his left foot elegantly raised and the right foot on a prostrate figure- "Apasmara Purusha", the personification of illusion and 	-
	 ignorance over whom Shiva triumphs. The upper left hand holds a flame, the lower left hand points down to the 	
	dwarf who is shown holding a cobra.	
	• The upper right hand holds an hourglass drum or 'dumroo' that stands for the male-female vital principle, the lower right hand shows the gesture of assertion (declaration): "Be without fear".	
	Snakes that stand for egotism are seen uncoiling from his arms, legs and hair which are braided and bejeweled.	
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	OR Marking scheme Introduction of Shiva Trimurti – 1 Marks Description of Shiva Trimurti – 1 Marks Marking scheme Introduction of Shiva Trimurti – 1 Marks Marking Scheme Introduction of Shiva Trimurti – 1 Marks Marking scheme Introduction of Shiva Trimurti – 1 Marks Marking	

- 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 Sadashiva, the left is his destructive nature or Aghora and the right is the gracious feminine manifestation of the beauty of nature or Vanadeva.

Q.5. <u>Marking scheme</u>

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Introduction of Gol Gumbaz – 1 Mark Aesthetics of Gol Gumbaz – 1 Mark

(a) Gol Gumbaz of Bijapur, Karnataka.

Place: Bijapur, Karnataka Medium: Bricks and Limestone

Architect: Unknown

Type: Tomb/Mausoleum of Mohammad Adil Shah

Height: 51 meter Circa: 1659 A.D

This monument is the tomb of Md. Adil Shah. It was constructed in special Indo-Islamic style in 1659 A.D. On a base of 47.5 mtr. length and width walls all around its four sides. It has a dome whose diameter and height are 44 mtr. and 33.22 mtr. respectively. In base of the dome have been made shapes as petals of a lotus flower. This is one of the biggest domes of Asia. Inside this building is a vast hall. There are archs giving the dome support towards inside, and a whisper gallery where sound get magnified and echoed many times over. On the four corners of the buildings are octagonal seven-storeyed minarets.

OR

Marking scheme

Introduction of Qutub Minar – 1 Mark Aesthetics of Qutub Minar – 1 Mark

(b) Outub Minar, Mehrauli, Delhi

Place: Mehrauli, Delhi, India

Founder: Qutub-ud-din and completed by Iltutmish

Medium: Stone (sand and marble)

Circa: 12th Century A.D.

Height: 72.5 mtr.

'Qutub' means 'pole' or 'column' – symbol of justice and sovereignty. Circumference of the minaret is 13.75 m. at the base whereas decreasing upwards at the end it remains only 2.75 m. The first 3 storey have been made by engraving red sandstones in a specific shape (mix of polygonal and circular shape). The upper 2 storey with combination of red stone and white marble. To show each storey difference on outer side has built a circle of ornamental overhangs. The purpose of observing the city scene up to far out and away have been built small gates on these overhangs.

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(b) Seated Buddha Katra Mound

The sculpture 'Seated Buddha Katra Mound' is shown seated in Padmasana on a lion throne with two attendant figures are identified as Padmapani and Vajrapani Bodhisattvas. The sculpture carved out of a Red-spotted sandstone with the right hand is in the Abhaya Mudra, whereas the left hand is placed on the thigh. The image is representative of the development of Buddha Sculptures in local style near Mathura during the Kushana period.

Q.7.	SECTION-C	6 x 2
A.	Name: Male Torso Location: Harappa Size: 9.2 x 5.8 x 3.0 cm. Medium: Red limestone	
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B.

Marking scheme

Introduction of Lion Capital of Ashoka – 1 Mark Description of Lion Capital of Ashoka – 5 Marks

Lion Capital of Ashoka

Medium: Polished Sand Stone

Circa: 3rd Century B.C. Dynasty: Mauryan Period Finding site: Sarnath Size: Height-213.5 cm

Collection: Sarnath Archaeological Museum (UP)

- The Lion Capital of Ashoka is a sculpture of four 'Indian Lions' standing back to back. It was originally placed atop the Ashoka pillar at Sarnath in the state of Uttar Pradesh, India by Emperor Ashoka, circa 250 BC.
- The pillar, sometimes called the Asoka Column, is still in its original location, but the Lion Capital is now in the Sarnath Museum.
- This Lion Capital of Ashoka from Saranath has been adopted as the National Emblem of India and the wheel 'Ashoka Chakra' from its base was placed onto the centre of the National Flag of India.
- The capital contains four Indian/Asiatic Lions, standing back to back, mounted on an abacus with a frieze carrying sculptures in high relief of an elephant, a galloping horse, a bull, and a lion, separated by intervening spoked chariot-wheels over a bell-shaped lotus.
- Carved out of a single block of polished sandstone, the capital was believed to be crowned by a 'Wheel of Dharma' (Dharmachakra) popularly known in India as the 'Ashoka Chakra' which has now been lost.
- There is a similar intact Ashoka pillar in Thailand with a similar four lion capital intact and crowned with Ashoka Chakra/Dharmachakra.

OR

Marking scheme

Introduction to Gandhara & Mathura School of Arts – 2 Marks
Description of Gandhara School of Arts – 2 Marks
Description of Mathura School of Arts – 2 Marks

In the Kushana Dynasty, two schools of art had been developed. One is Gandhara near Peshawar the first capital city of Kushana that is called 'Gandhar School of Arts'. But, surrounding Mathura, the second capital city of Kushana is known as 'Mathura School of Arts' or 'Indian Style of Art'.

Gandhara School of Art

- Gandhara School of Art is a style of Buddhist visual art. It has Hellenistic features in the Buddha image.
- Religious influences include Buddhism and Hellenistic realism. The expression of calmness is the centre point of attraction of Gandhar Buddha.
- In Gandhara images, eyes are longer, ear lobes shorter and noses sharper and better defined.
- In Gandhara Style, the halo is not decorated, in general, and the images are

much expressive.

• In this school, images were carved with finer details like curly hair, anatomical accuracy, spatial depth, and foreshortening. It was a fusion of Greco-Roman-Indian styles.

Mathura School of Art

- Mathura School of Art deals with subjects from Hinduism and Jainism as well
- Mathura Buddha is delighted in mood, seated in Padmasana and right hand in Abhayamudra and left hand on left thigh showing maleness.
- Mathura tradition, Buddha images have longer ear lobes, thicker lips, wider eyes and a prominent nose.
- Mathura style the halo around the head of Buddha was heavily decorated with geometrical motifs and the images are less expressive.
- Buddha surrounded by two monks: Padmapani (holding Lotus) and Vajrapani (Holding Vajra). During the Early period, light volume having a fleshy body was carved.

C. Marking scheme

Introduction of Indo-Islamic Architecture – 1 Mark Characteristics of Indo-Islamic Architecture – 5 Marks

Indo-Islamic Architecture

In the 7th and 8th centuries A.D., Islam came to India, particularly, with Muslim merchants, traders, holy men and conquerors. Over the passage of six hundred years, in the twelfth century India was already familiar with monumental constructions in grandiose settings.

Characteristics of Indo-Islamic Architecture

- The archuate (shaped like a bow) form of construction was introduced gradually in which arches could support the weight of the domes. Such arches needed to be constructed with series of inter-locking blocks and fitted with keystones. The domes, resting on pendentives and squinches enabled spanning of large spaces leaving the interiors free of pillars.
- A noteworthy aspect of these migrations and conquests was that Muslims absorbed many features of local cultures and traditions and combined them with their own architectural practices. Thus, in the field of architecture, a mix of many structural techniques, stylized shapes, and surface decorations came about through constant interventions of acceptance, rejection or modification of architectural elements. These architectural objects or categories showcasing multiple styles are known as Indo-Islamic architecture.
- According to E. B. Havell, Hindus conceived manifestations of Gods everywhere in multiple forms as part of their religious faith whereas a Muslim thought of only one with Muhammed as His Prophet.
- Hence, Hindus adorned all surfaces with sculptures and paintings. Muslims forbidden to replicate living forms on any surface, developed their religious art and architecture consisting of the arts of arabesque, geometrical patterns and calligraphy on plaster and stone.
- The Islamic architecture in India has been divided into two types which are:

Religious and Secular. The Mosques and Tombs belong to the 'Religious' Islamic architecture, while on the other hand, palaces and forts belong to the 'Secular' Islamic architecture.

OR

Marking scheme

Introduction of Descent of Ganga – 1 Mark Description of Descent of Ganga – 5 Marks

Descent of Ganga (Pallava Period)

Medium: Granite Rock

Place: Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu Date- Circa 7th Century A.D.

- Descent of Ganga is the most remarkable sculptural composition at
- Mahabalipuram. It is one of the largest and oldest sculptural panels known in the world.
- In this famous relief, the story of the Descent of Ganga has been carved out on the two larger boulder-type granite rocks. In between them, there is a narrow fissure in which the Nagaraj and Nagakanya (the god and goddess) have been carved out.
- On this relief panel, the sculptor had carved out celestials like Sun, Moon and Earth, Water and Rumpus. Among the numerous humans, animals, and deities and other creatures.
- A prominent bearded figure is identified as Bhagirath, who is standing on one leg and stretching his arms upwards to pray Lord Shiva to release one stream of the Ganga from his hair locks and flew her down on the earth of the sake of the human being.
- Two well modelled and life-like elephants along with one cat balancing on her two rear legs, a deer, lion and ducks have also been carved.
- It is also known as the 'Arjuna's Penance'.

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	(A)	(i) Qutub-ud-din Aibak	1
	(B)	(iii) Descent of Ganga, Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu	1
	(C)	(ii) Casting	1
	(D)	(ii) Padmapani Bodhisattva	1
	(E)	(ii)Seated Buddha Katra Mound	1
	(F)	(i) Dravida style	1
	(G)	(ii) Madhya Pradesh	1
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Q.3.	 Marking Scheme Explanation of Iconography, Sculpture & Ornamentation – 2 marks Key Points that can be used in the Answer Iconography is a branch of art history which studies the images of deities. It consists of identification of image based on certain symbols and mythology associated with them. Every region and period produce its own distinct style of images with its regional variations in iconography. The temple is covered with elaborate sculpture and ornament that form a fundamental part of its conception. 	2

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Marking scheme

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Q.4. Marking scheme

Introduction of Nagara Temple – 1 Marks
Description of the Nagara Temple – 1 Marks

Key Points that can be used in the Answer

Nagara temples are popular in North India.

- These temples are generally built on upraised platforms. These temples have multiple shikharas (top) and towers.
- The Garbhagriha is always located directly under the tallest tower. It doesn't have elaborate boundary walls or gateways.
- The shikhar tower has a sloping curve as they rise and are topped by a small spherical pot known as the 'Kalash' (amalaka).
- River goddesses (Ganga and Yamuna) are visually found at the entrances in a Nagara temple. The Lakshmi Narayan Kandariya Mahadev temple in Khajuraho, M.P. is a very good example of Nagara temples.

OR

Marking scheme

Introduction of the sculpture Mother and Child -1 Marks Description of the sculpture Mother and Child -1 Marks

Key Points that can be used in the Answer

Mother and Child

Vimal Shah Temple (Solanki Dynasty)

Medium- White marble

Date- Circa 13th C.A.D.

Place- Dilwara, Mount Abu, Rajasthan

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- In this statue, the sculptor has shown the motherhood as well loveliness between child and mother.
- The mother posture is slightly bent. The expressions of the face and rest of the body is full of motherly woman. She is holding her baby in her lap with arm support.
- The ornaments and the garments are seen in the linear form with proper curvature. Half bent eyes of the mother and style of hair-bun is very attractive.

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(b) Jain Tirthankara

In this sculpture, Jain Tirthankara Vardhaman Mahavira has been carved in the sitting position of Padmasana and both hands are kept upon each other. For this Purpose, the artist used Red Sandstone and carving out this sculpture in Mathura style of art during the Gupta period. The Heaviness of the figure is the basic characteristics of Mathura style of art. Tirthankara Mahavira is looking very calm, concentrating his mind in Dhyana Mudra (half-closed eyes) to attain enlightenment.

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	Key Points that can be used in the Answer Nataraja or nataraj, the dancing form of Lord Shiva, is a symbolic synthesis of the most important aspects of Hinduism, and the summery (cheerful) of the central tenets (belief) of this Vedic religion. The Origin of the Nataraj Form: An extraordinary iconographic representation of the rich and diverse cultural heritage of India, it was	

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- His third eye is symbolic of his omniscience (unlimited knowledge), insight and enlightenment.
- The whole idol rests on a lotus pedestal, the symbol of the creative forces of the universe.

B. Marking scheme

Introduction of the sculpture Male Torso - 1 Mark Characteristics of the sculpture Male Torso - 5 Marks

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- The capital contains four Indian/Asiatic Lions, standing back to back, mounted on an abacus with a frieze carrying sculptures in high relief of

- an elephant, a galloping horse, a bull, and a lion, separated by intervening spoked chariot-wheels over a bell-shaped lotus.
- Carved out of a single block of polished sandstone, the capital was believed to be crowned by a 'Wheel of Dharma' (Dharmachakra) popularly known in India as the 'Ashoka Chakra' which has now been lost.
- There is a similar intact Ashoka pillar in Thailand with a similar four lion capital intact and crowned with Ashoka Chakra/Dharmachakra.

OR

Marking scheme

Introduction of Descent of Ganga – 1 Mark Description of Descent of Ganga – 5 Marks

Descent of Ganga (Pallava Period)

Medium: Granite Rock

Place: Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu

Date- Circa 7th Century A.D.

- Descent of Ganga is the most remarkable sculptural composition at
- Mahabalipuram. It is one of the largest and oldest sculptural panels known in the world.
- In this famous relief, the story of the Descent of Ganga has been carved out on the two larger boulder-type granite rocks. In between them, there is a narrow fissure in which the Nagaraj and Nagakanya (the god and goddess) have been carved out.
- On this relief panel, the sculptor had carved out celestials like Sun, Moon and Earth, Water and Rumpus. Among the numerous humans, animals, and deities and other creatures.
- A prominent bearded figure is identified as Bhagirath, who is standing on one leg and stretching his arms upwards to pray Lord Shiva to release one stream of the Ganga from his hair locks and flew her down on the earth of the sake of the human being.
- Two well modelled and life-like elephants along with one cat balancing on her two rear legs, a deer, lion and ducks have also been carved.
- It is also known as the 'Arjuna's Penance'.