

Test Your Knowledge - Taj Mahal quiz

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(1) Why did the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan commission the building of the Taj Mahal in 1631?

- A. To illustrate the wealth of his dynasty
- B. To house the tomb of his favourite wife
- C. To house his own tomb
- D. For people to live in

Answer (b) To house the tomb of his favourite wife

(2) In which Indian city will you find the Taj Mahal?

- A. Agra
- B. New Dehli
- C. Jaipur
- D. Meerut

Answer (a) Agra

(3) Who was the last US president to visit the Taj Mahal?

- A. Donald Trump
- B. George W Bush
- C. Barack Obama
- D. Joe Biden



Answer (a) Donald Trump

(4) Which James Bond film featured the Taj Mahal?

- A. Octopussy
- B. Live and Let Die
- C. Moonraker
- D. No Time to Die

Answer (a) Octopussy

(5) How many years did the Taj Mahal take to build?

- A. 12
- B. 22
- C. 32
- D. 17

Answer (b) 22

Description- The work to build the Tajmahal started in 1632 and it took 22 years to build the 'Taj mahal'. It cost 32 million rupees at that time and almost 20000 labourers helped to build the Taj mahal.

(6) Why is the Taj Mahal's iconic white marble said to be turning yellow?

- A. Natural ageing process

- B. Air Pollution
- C. Carbon-di-oxide and Helium
- D. Global warming

Answer (b) Air Pollution

(7) A full-scale replica of the Taj Mahal has been built in which country?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. United Arab Emirates
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Mauritius

Answer (a) Bangladesh

(8) When was the construction of Taj Mahal completed?

- A. 1631
- B. 1653
- C. 1661
- D. 1642

Answer (b) 1653

(9) How many artisans were employed to build the Taj Mahal?

- A. 12000
- B. 15000
- C. 17000
- D. 20000



Answer (d) 20000

(10) What is the estimated cost of building the Taj Mahal in today's currency?

- A. \$500 million
- B. \$1 million
- C. \$1 billion
- D. \$4 billion

Answer (b) \$1 million

(11) How many elephants were used to transport construction materials and supplies for the Taj Mahal?

- A. 500 elephants
- B. 1000 elephants
- C. 1500 elephants
- D. 2000 elephants

Answer (b) 1000 elephants

(12) What is the height of the Taj Mahal?

- A. 73m (240 ft)
- B. 83m (272 ft)

- C. 92m (301.83 ft)
- D. 105m (344.48 ft)

Answer (a) 73m (240 ft)

(13) Which day is a prayer offered in the mosque inside Taj Mahal?

- A. Monday
- B. Wednesday
- C. Thursday
- D. Friday

Answer (d) Friday

(14) What is the architectural style of the Taj Mahal?

- A. Gothic architecture
- B. Baroque architecture
- C. Mughal architecture
- D. Nagara style

Answer (c) Mughal architecture

(15) What type of stones were used to decorate the marble walls of Taj Mahal?

- A. Precious and semi-precious jewels
- B. Diamonds and rubies
- C. Gold and silver
- D. Silver and bronze



Answer (a) Precious and semi-precious jewels

(16) Where did the marble for building Taj Mahal come from?

- A. Agra
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Delhi
- D. Bareilly

Answer (b) Rajasthan

(17) Who commissioned the Taj Mahal?

- A. Akbar
- B. Noor Jahan
- C. Aurangzeb
- D. Shah Jahan

Answer (d) Shah Jahan

(18) What is the name of the mausoleum located in Agra, India?

- A. Great Wall of China
- B. Eiffel Tower
- C. Taj Mahal
- D. Begum Mahal

Answer (c) Taj Mahal

(19) Who was the chief architect of Taj Mahal?

- A.** Ustad Ahmad Lahauri
- B.** Ustad Ahmad Khan
- C.** Ustad Ahmad Ali
- D.** Ustad Azam Husn Ali

Answer (a) Ustad Ahmad Lahauri

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