Architectural History Fundamentals

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1. Which architectural order, characterized by scroll-like ornaments known as volutes, is the second of the three classical Greek orders?

A) Doric
B) Ionic
C) Corinthian
D) Tuscan

2. The Hagia Sophia, located in Istanbul, is a prime example of which architectural style?

A) Gothic
B) Byzantine
C) Romanesque
D) Baroque

3. What is the defining structural feature of Gothic architecture that allowed for thinner walls and larger stained glass windows?

A) Flying buttress
B) Hemispherical dome
C) Post and lintel
D) Corbel arch

4. Which architect is famous for designing the Fallingwater residence in Pennsylvania?

A) Le Corbusier
B) Frank Lloyd Wright
C) Ludwig Mies van der Rohe
D) Walter Gropius

5. The Pantheon in Rome is most famous for which architectural component?

A) Its pointed arches
B) Its massive unreinforced concrete dome
C) Its rectangular floor plan
D) Its twin towers

6. The 'International Style' of architecture, which gained prominence in the 1920s and 30s, is characterized by which of the following?

A) Heavy ornamentation
B) Rectilinear forms and glass curtain walls
C) Steep gabled roofs
D) Elaborate stone carvings

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7. In Islamic architecture, what is the term for the niche in the wall of a mosque that indicates the direction of Mecca?

A) Minaret
B) Mihrab
C) Madrasa
D) Muqarnas

8. Brunelleschi's dome for the Florence Cathedral was a breakthrough in which architectural period?

A) Renaissance
B) Neoclassical
C) Art Deco
D) Modernism

9. Which building is considered the quintessential example of Art Deco architecture in New York City?

A) Empire State Building
B) Flatiron Building
C) Chrysler Building
D) Seagram Building

10. The Parthenon, located on the Acropolis of Athens, was built primarily to honor which deity?

A) Poseidon
B) Athena
C) Zeus
D) Apollo

11. Which structural element is a characteristic feature of Romanesque architecture?

A) Rounded arch
B) Pointed arch
C) Curtain wall
D) Steel frame

12. The Palace of Versailles is a significant example of which style, known for its opulent and dramatic design?

A) Baroque
B) Gothic
C) Brutalist
D) Art Nouveau

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13. Which material was primarily used in the construction of 19th-century 'Crystal Palace' at the Great Exhibition of 1851?

A) Stone and timber
B) Cast iron and glass
C) Reinforced concrete
D) Marble and brick

14. What does the term 'Brutalism' derive from in the context of architecture?

A) The brutal weather conditions
B) The French term 'béton brut' (raw concrete)
C) The harshness of the building shapes
D) The abruptness of the design

15. The Forbidden City in Beijing is a primary example of which architectural tradition?

A) Ancient Egyptian
B) Classical Chinese
C) Mughal
D) Indo-Saracenic

16. Which architect is credited with the design of the Sydney Opera House?

A) Jørn Utzon
B) Oscar Niemeyer
C) Norman Foster
D) Zaha Hadid

17. What is the term for the triangular upper part of the front of a building in classical architecture?

A) Entablature
B) Pediment
C) Frieze
D) Capital

18. The Ziggurat is a type of massive structure associated with which ancient civilization?

A) Ancient Egypt
B) Ancient Mesopotamia
C) Ancient Greece
D) Ancient Rome

19. Which architectural movement, led by figures like Victor Horta and Antoni Gaudí, is known for its flowing, organic curves?

A) Art Nouveau
B) Constructivism
C) Minimalism
D) Deconstructivism

20. The Sagrada Família in Barcelona was designed by which architect?

A) Antoni Gaudí
B) Salvador Dalí
C) Frank Gehry
D) Rem Koolhaas

21. Which of these is a defining characteristic of Mughal architecture?

A) Flying buttresses
B) Onion domes and charbagh gardens
C) Stepped pyramids
D) Gargoyles

22. The Bauhaus school, which influenced modern architecture, was founded in which country?

A) France
B) Germany
C) USA
D) United Kingdom

23. Which architectural style is characterized by the use of the Corinthian order and was popular in the late 18th century?

A) Neoclassical
B) Rococo
C) Victorian
D) High-Tech

24. In Japanese traditional architecture, what is the 'Shoji'?

A) A sliding paper door or partition
B) A tiled roof element
C) A central courtyard
D) A garden path

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25. The 'Seagram Building' in New York is a definitive example of which architectural firm's work?

A) Mies van der Rohe

B) Skidmore, Owings & Merrill

C) Foster + Partners

D) Gensler

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