

**Read the text and answer the question – 1&2.**

The TajMahal is also known as “the Taj”. It is a white marble tomb located in Agra. Do you know the story behind TajMahal? The Mughal emperor Shah Jahan loved his wife more than his life. Mumtaz died at an early age. Shah Jahan was very shocked at her death. So, he built TajMahal as a token of love for his wife. It is the place where Mumtaz is sleeping forever.

The Taj has an area of about 1003 acres or 405 hectares. The TajMahal is the finest example of Mughal architecture. It combines the art of Persia, Turkey and India. It took 21 years and thousands of artisans and craftsmen to complete the TajMahal. The Taj is universally admired as one of the wonders of the world.

**1. Guess the meaning of the following words and choose the correct meaning closest to the text. 1x5= 5**

- i. It is a white marble tomb located in Agra. Here the word ‘located’ means-**
  - a. made
  - b. known
  - c. situated
  - d. planned
- ii. Shah Jahan was very shocked at her death. Here the word ‘shocked’ means-**
  - a. pleased
  - b. hurt
  - c. cleared
  - d. exhibited
- iii. The TajMahal is the finest example of Mughal architecture. Here the word ‘example’ means-**
  - a. expense
  - b. extra
  - c. instance
  - d. couple
- iv. How many years did it take to complete TajMahal?**
  - a. 23 years
  - b. 50 years
  - c. 32 years
  - d. 21 years
- v. The word ‘admired’ means-**
  - a. appreciated
  - b. talked
  - c. described
  - d. thought

**2. Complete the text with the right words in the box. 0.5x10=5**

beautiful	sad	ruled	memory	tourists
century	northern	beside	symbol	emperor

The TajMahal is in Agra, (a) \_\_\_\_\_ India. The TajMahal is said to be the most (b) \_\_\_\_\_ building in the world. In the seventeenth (c) \_\_\_\_\_ there was an (d) \_\_\_\_\_ called Shah Jahan, who (e) \_\_\_\_\_ India. His favourite wife was MumtazMahal. When MumtazShah Jahan was very (f) \_\_\_\_\_. He decided to have a beautiful building, the TajMahal, built in her (g) \_\_\_\_\_. When Shah Jahan died, he was buried (h) \_\_\_\_\_ his wife. Many thousands of (i) \_\_\_\_\_ visit the TajMahal every year. Many see this building as a (j) \_\_\_\_\_ of India.

**Read the text and answer the question 3& 4.**

HasonRaja was born in 1854 in a wealthy landlord’s family in Sylhet. He did not receive much formal education. In his youth, he led a life of luxury. He had everything –money, comfort and pleasure. At one time he understood that all these are meaningless. He gave away all of his properties. He started to think about the Creator, life, death and mankind. Hason Raja wrote a lot of songs, perhaps about a thousand in number. His book called “HasonUdash” was published in 1906. The book had 206 songs in it. In his songs he called himself ‘Crazy Hason Raja’ or ‘PaglaHason Raja’. A volume called “Hason Raja Samagra” (complete works of Hason Raja) was also published. The book contained 500 poems and songs. Some of the songs were written by the poet in Hindi. Hason Raja’ song were always popular in Sylhet. But soon they spread all over Bangladesh and beyond. In India’s West Bengal, some eminent folk singers made Hason Raja’s songs popular.

**3. True/False. If False, give the correct statement. 1x5= 5**

- a. Hason Raja is one of the mystic bards of Bangladesh.
- b. “HasonUdash” is the complete works of Hason Raja.
- c. Some eminent folk singer of our country made his songs popular in India.
- d. “Hason Raja Samagra” contains 206 songs in it.
- e. Rason had everything – money, comfort and pleasure.

**4. Make five sentences from the substitution table. 1x5= 5**

a. Hason Raja	contains	the book ‘HasonUdash’
b. 206 songs	include	500 poem and songs
c. Very soon	led	are written in Hindi
d. Some of	his songs	a luxurious life
e. Hason Raja Samagra		spread all over Bangladesh and beyond