

Corrigendum/Explanation SFG FRC 2026 Test 28

Number of items taken for scoring: 59

Number of items dropped: 01 (Question no. 12)

There is 1 change in today's paper (Q.12).

Q.12) A doubt was raised whether the statement “The Buddha is commonly depicted with a round face, closed eyes, large ears and a decorated halo” in the context of the Sarnath school is correct or incorrect.

Exp) The statement is incorrect. A decorated halo around the head of Buddha is primarily the feature of the Mathura school of Art and not the Sarnath school. The question has been dropped as there was no matching options.

For Future Reference:

Q.12) With reference to the Sarnath School of Art, consider the following statements:

I. It developed during the Gupta period

II. It primarily used Chunar sandstone as the main material for sculpture.

III. Sculptures of this school place strong emphasis on muscular details and heavy folds of drapery, similar to the Gandhara style.

IV. The Buddha is commonly depicted with a decorated halo around the head, similar to the Mathura style.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

a) I and II only

b) I, III and IV

c) I, II and IV

d) II, III and IV

Ans) a

Exp) Option a is the correct answer.

Statement I is correct. The Sarnath School developed during the Gupta period, particularly in the 5th century CE. This era is often regarded as the “Golden Age” of Indian art and architecture.

Statement II is correct. Sculptors of this school primarily used locally available Chunar sandstone.

Statement III is incorrect. Unlike the Gandhara School, which emphasized muscular realism and thick, heavy folds of drapery inspired by Greco-Roman art, the Sarnath School avoided such physical detailing. Here, the body is idealized and smooth, with little emphasis on muscles, and the drapery is represented by thin, almost transparent lines.

Statement IV is incorrect. Buddha images of the Sarnath School has halo around the head is not decorated. While in the case of Mathura school, the halo around the head is decorated with geometrical patterns.

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