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Q1

Highlight the Central Asian and Greco Bactrian elements in the Gandhara art.

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Indian culture will cover the salient aspects of Art Forms, literature and Architecture from ancient to modern times.

Facts & figures for this PYQ only.

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Taxila and Takht-i-Bahi

Major Gandhara monastic sites in present Pakistan where schist reliefs of the **Buddha's** life were carved.

Kanishka and the Kushans

Central Asian dynasty whose patronage linked Bactria, Kapisa, Peshawar, and Mathura.

Hadda and Bamiyan

Afghan centres of stucco and colossal Buddhist imagery on the routes from Bactria.

Vajrapani as Heracles

A Greco-Bactrian type in which the **Buddha's** protector takes a club-bearing Greek hero form.

Begram hoard

Luxury finds near Kapisa that show Roman, Hellenistic, Indian, and Central Asian goods on the same road.

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