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Q1

Discuss the salient features of the Harappan architecture.

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

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Brick ratio

A widely noted Harappan brick proportion is 1:2:4, which made walls modular across distant sites.

Dholavira

A UNESCO site in Kutch whose reservoirs and storm channels show architecture as water engineering.

Lothal

A Gujarat settlement whose baked-brick basin is read as a dock or tank linked to Gulf of Khambhat trade.

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