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Q11**Vijayanagara architecture exemplifies the amalgamation of past traditions with contemporary practices. Elucidate with examples.**

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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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Vittalaswami Temple

Located in Hampi, renowned for its iconic stone chariot and musical pillars exhibiting advanced acoustic engineering.

Lotus Mahal

Exemplifies Indo-Islamic synthesis with multi-foil arches, vaulted ceilings, and geometric symmetry within the Zenana enclosure.

Virupaksha Temple

Demonstrates continuity of early medieval Dravidian sacred architecture with additions made during the Vijayanagara rule.

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