

FAQ's

1. Define/describe Victorian architecture?

The Victorian Gothic Architecture was basically a hotchpotch of early European styles mixed with the introduction of Middle East and Asian influences.

2. State famous works that follow Victorian Style of architecture in India

- Mumbai: Rajabai Tower
- Bangalore: The Glass House, Lal Bagh Botanical Gardens
- Kolkata: The Victoria Memorial Hall, GPO, Raj Bhawan and High Court of Calcutta
- Delhi: The Darbar Memorial, Mutiny Memorial, St. Stephen's College, Secretariat Complex, North Block
- Kottayam: Holy Trinity Cathedral
- Mysore: St Philomena's Church
- Shimla: St Michael's Cathedral, Christ Church, Gaiety Theatre , Gorton Castle , Viceregal Lodge

3. Mention most important features of Victorian Architecture

- Bulbous domes along with many miniature domes
- Overhanging eaves
- Pointed arches, cusped arches, or scalloped arches
- Vaulted roofs
- Domed chhatris, pinnacles, towers and minarets
- Open pavilions
- Pierced arcades.

4. Describe 4 important features of Victorian architecture?

- To offset the rather solid, heavy construction of Victorian buildings, houses of the era tend to have a lot of decoration; detailed fretwork, ornamental brickwork and terracotta panels, swirls, volutes and so on, often crowded into less space than seems advisable Energy also radiates in and out of buildings through windows.
- New techniques in the production of plate glass allowed for larger panes to the windows than previously. Whilst sash windows were still the norm,

the glazing pattern favored fewer panes of larger area.

- It was normal in large towns for the windows of Victorian buildings to be painted dark brown, rather than the white we more commonly see today
- Brick was usually the favored material as it was common for the local stone to be employed to ensure aesthetic harmony with the older buildings. Where brick was used, it was usually red brick; yellow stocks had been common until the beginning of the nineteenth century when mass-production techniques of red bricks made red the more fashionable color

5. Cite and describe a work of Victorian architecture in India

Rajabai Clock Tower, Mumbai

- The tower was built in a fusion of Venetian and Gothic styles. It is built out of the locally available buff colored Kurla stone. The tower has one of the best stained glass windows in the city.
- The ground floor has two side rooms. The tower forms a carriage porch and a spiral staircase vestibule. The Tower, over the carriage porch, has a square form up to the gallery at the top of the first level
- The form changes from a square to an octagon
- During its time, it was the tallest structure in the city of Mumbai.