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Read the text and answer the questions below!

Taj Mahal

Taj Mahal or The Taj is a well-known architectural object in India for its finest design which combine elements from India, Persian and Islamic architectural style. This historical building was built on the south bank of the Yamuna river in Agra. It represents the story of Eternal Love of the Mughal Emperor, Shah Jahan, to his dearest wife Mumtaz Mahal. In 1983 UNESCO place Taj Mahal into the list of World Heritage Site and consider it as “the jewel of Muslim art in India and one of the universally admired masterpieces of the world’s heritage”.

Taj Mahal is a very large tomb made of ivory-white marble. The building looks like a mosque, a place for a muslim to pray. Once we see it, we will get the impression that Islamic architectural style is very strong in the building, starting with the wall and the calligraphy decorations on it, a huge dome on top of the building along with 4 minarets on every corner of the base walls. The dome is also made of marble with size nearly 35 meters and the top of it is decorated with a lotus design. The minarets are also decorated with a very detailed lotus motif.

Questions:

1. What is the text about?
2. Who might be interested in reading this text?
3. What is the purpose of writing the text?
4. What does paragraph two mainly tells about?
5. “... admired masterpieces of the world’s heritage” (first paragraph)
What is the synonym of word “masterpieces”?