

# Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

Dept. of Humanities and Social Sciences

## MINOR 2 Examination

### HUL254 – Art and Technology

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 9.30 – 10.30 AM

(Answer all questions. Total Marks = 15)

1.

a) Is architecture art or business that uses technology, or both, for Lloyd Wright?  
Why? Explain briefly (1.5)

b) What would you say is the one major difference between Plato's and Gombrich's approach to art? (1.5)

(3)

2. How do you reconcile the following two statements of Lloyd Wright, and what is the overall meaning of "Nature" in his essay:

a) "As Nature is never right for a picture so she is never right for the architect—that is <sup>not</sup> readymade"

b) "nevertheless she has a practical school beneath her more obvious forms".

Answer by referring to the various senses of the term "nature" in Wright.

(4)

3. What are the broad steps by which Socrates tries to convince Ion that "it is not by mastery that [rhapsodes and poets] are able to speak those verses, but a divine power..."? Explain Socrates' arguments and conclusion as clearly as possible (imagine you are writing to somebody who has never read Plato), and then state what you think about it (which may include but is not limited to your agreement or disagreement).

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