

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE (WORLD)

1.2 World's Great Structures (Building)

Structure	Name and Brief Description	Location
Largest airport	King Khalid International Airport, 223, sq. km, having world's largest control tower, 74 m high	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Largest airport (roofed)	King Abdul Aziz International Airport, 103 sq km area	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
Highest airport	Lhasa airport at 4,363 m	Tibet
Lowest airport	Schiphol International Airport, 3.9 m below sea level	Amsterdam
Busiest airport	Chicago O'Hare International Airport	Chicago, Illinois, USA
Longest steel arch bridge	New River Gorge Bridge, 518.2 m long	West Virginia, USA
Longest combined highway and railway bridge	The Yangtse River bridge 6,772 m rail deck and 4,589 road deck	Nanking, China
Longest railway bridge	Huey P. Long bridge, 7,009 m	Metairie, Louisiana, USA
Highest road bridge	Bailey bridge built by the Indian army, 30 m long at an altitude of 5,600 m	Khardungla, Ladakh
Highest river bridge	Royal Gorge, 321 m above sea level on the river Arkansas, 268 m long	Colorado
Highest railway bridge	Fades bridge on the river Sioule, 144 m long and 132.5 m above the river	Clermont Ferrand, France
Longest rail line	Trans-Siberian line from Moscow to Nakhodka, 9,438 km	Russia
Tallest office building	Sear Towers, 110 storeys, 443 m high	Chicago, Illinois
Largest church	Basilica of St Peter built in 1492-1612, length 186.33, area 15.142 sq m	Vatican City, Rome
Largest Cathedral	Diocese of New York, area 11,240 sq km	New York
Largest Mosque (in ruins)	At-Malawiya mosque of at-Mutawakil, dimensions 238.9 m x 156 m	Smarra, Iraq

Largest mosque in use	Umayyad mosque, 157 m x 97 m, covering an area of 3.76 acres	Damascus, Syria
Largest mosque under Construction	Merdeka mosque, 45 m dia, can accommodate 50,000 people	Jakarta, Indonesia
Largest temple	Angkor Wat, 162.6 ha area, build for Lord Vishnu by Khmer King Suryarman-II during 1113-50 AD	Cambodia
Largest railway station	Grand Central Terminal, in 48 acres on two levels with 41 tracks on upper level and 26 on the lower	Park Avenue, New York
Highest railway station	Condor station at 4786 m height on Rio Mulato to Potosi line	Bolivia
Longest railway platform	Kharagpur railway platform, measuring 833 m in length	Kharagpur, West Bengal
Largest wall	The Great Wall of China, 3,460 km	China
Tallest tower	CN Tower, 555.33 m high	Metro Centre, Toronto
Tallest tower under fabrication	Tokyo 2001 AD tower, 800 m high	Tokyo, Japan
Largest stadium	Strahov Stadium. It can accommodate 240,000 spectators	Prague, Czech
Tallest bank building	Bank of Montreal, 72 storeys, 284.98 m high	Toronto, Canada
Largest sea port	Port of New York and New Jersey, navigable water front of 1215 km	
Largest library	The Library of Congress. The buildings contain 64.6 acres of floor space and 532 miles of bookshelves	Capital Hill, Washington DC
Oldest university	University of Karueein, founded AD 859	Morocco
Largest university building	University of Riyadh	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Largest open university	Indira Gandhi National Open University, 2 lakhs students on rolls in January 1993	New Delhi
Largest monolithic statue	Statue of Buddha, weighing 350 tonnes and 17.2 m high	Hussain Sagar lake, Hyderabad
Longest road	Pan-American Highway, 27387 km	North-west Alaska to Southern-most Chile
Highest road	13 km stretch of Kang-ti-suu between Khaleb and Hsin-Chi-Fu	Tibet

Largest school	South Point High School, over 12,500 students on rolls	Kolkata
Highest filling station	Petrol pump at Leh at 3,658 m operated by Indian Oil	Leh, Ladakh

World Famous Structures:

Structure	Location	Importance
Al-Aqsa Mosque	Jerusalem	Islam's third holiest place
Angkor Vat	Cambodia	A Hindu temple complex (Lord Vishnu's) built by the Khmer King Suryavarman-II in the period 1113-1150. It is considered th largest Religious Structure.
Big Ben	London	A huge clock on the tower of the British Parliament installed in the year 1859.
Brandenburg Gate	Berlin	Main gate between the erstwhile east and west Berlin.
Bridge of Sighs	Venice (Italy)	A bridge on which condemned prisoners had to pass over before being executed.
Broadway	USA	Broadest street in the world
Buckingham Palace	London	Palace of the British Monarch since Queen victoria's accession in 1837.
C.N. Tower	Toronto	World's tallest free standing structure, 553.33 m high.
10, Downing Street	England	Official residence of the Prime Minister of England.
Elysee Palace	France	Official residence of President of France.
Escorial	Spain	One of the largest palaces in Spain.
Kaaba	Mecca	Inner shrine of the great Mosque of Mecca.
Pentagon	Washington	A five-sided building, houses the ministry of defence of the USA.
Red Square, Kremlin	Moscow	An open ground attached to the Kremlin and used for processions and demonstrations.
Wall Street	New York	Stock Exchange of New York.
White House	Washington	Official residence of the President of USA since 1800 AD.
White Hall	London	The seat of British Govt. offices, the former residence of the Queen of England.