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https://www.100test.com/kao_ti2020/634/2021_2022_2007_E6_89_98_E7_A6_8F_c81_634855.htm THE QUEEN ANNE HOUSE

The house style that dominated American housing during the 1880s and 1890s was known as Queen Anne, a curious name for an American style. The name was, in fact, a historical accident, originating with fashionable architects in Victorian England who coined it with apparently no reason other than its pleasing sound. The Queen Anne style was loosely based on medieval structures built long before 1702, the beginning year of Queen Anne ' s reign. A distinctive characteristic found in most Queen Anne houses is the unusual roof shape --- a steeply pitched, hipped central portion with protruding lower front and side extensions that end in gables. It is often possible to spot these distinctive roof forms from several blocks away.

Another feature of this style is the detailing, shown in the wood shingle siding cut into fanciful decorative patterns of scallops, curves, diamonds, or triangles. Queen Anne houses are almost always asymmetrical. If you draw an imaginary line down the middle of one, you will see how drastically different the right and left sides are, all the way from ground level to roof peak. A final characteristic is the inviting wraparound porch that includes the front door area and then extends around to either the right or left side of the house. Queen Anne houses faded from fashion early in the twentieth century as the public ' s taste shifted toward the more modern Prairie and Craftsman style houses. Today, however, Queen Anne

houses are favorite symbols of the past, painstakingly and lovingly restored by old-house buffs and reproduced by builders who give faithful attention to the distinctive shapes and detailing that were first popularized more than one hundred years ago.

1. Why does the author use the word curious in describing the name of an American style?
A. The style was invented before Queen Anne ' s reign.
B. The name was accidentally misspelled.
C. The style was more popular in Victorian England.
D. The name did not originate in American.

2. The word it in paragraph 1 refers to
A. style
B. name
C. accident
D. England

3. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a characteristic feature of Queen Anne houses?
A. decorative windows
B. wood shingle exterior walls
C. large porch
D. steeply pitched roof

4. Which of the following can be inferred from paragraph 2 about the Queen Anne style?
A. the Queen Anne style combined several other styles.
B. the Queen Anne style had to be built in the city.
C. the Queen Anne style was elaborate and ornate.
D. the Queen Anne style was not very popular.

5. The word buffs in paragraph 3 is closest in meaning to
A. experts
B. sellers
C. critics
D. painters

6. Can you predict the main element which the architects will concern for next generation of house style? Write an essay to give your opinions.

答案 : 1.D 2.B 3.A 4.C 5.A

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