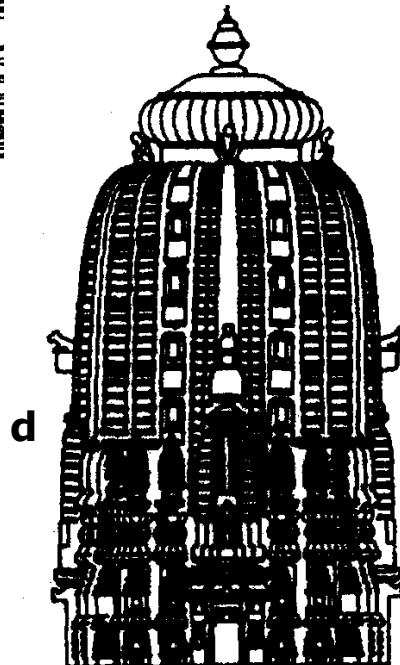
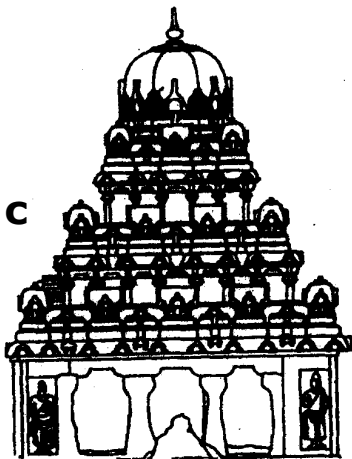
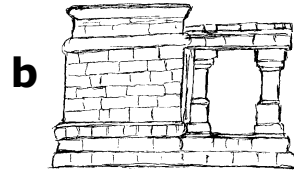
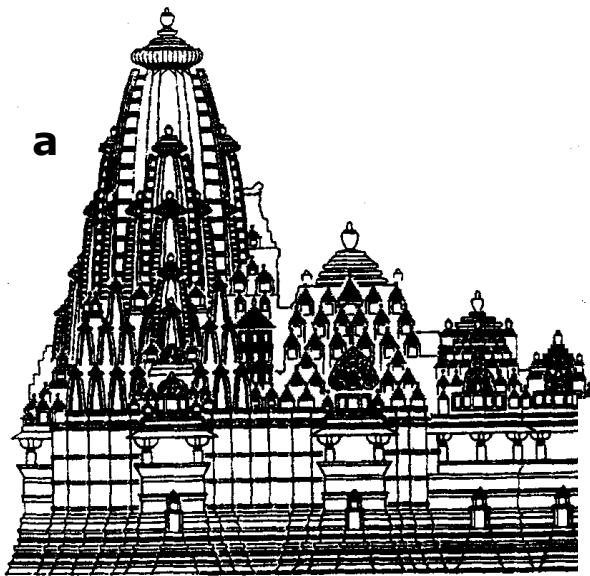

How Temples Changed

The earliest temples were simple and small. They had just one room, called the **garbhagriha**, in which the idol was kept. In front of it there would be a pillared, open **verandah**. The roof of an early temple was flat.

Later on, another room began to be built in front of the garbhagriha, which was called the **mandapa**. The verandah would then come in front of the mandapa. The verandah came to be called the **ardhamandapa**. The roof of a later temple was no longer flat. As time passed, skilled artisans found ways of making the roof rise to a high crest. At the top they would place a carved **shikhara**, or pinnacle.

(1) Look at the following pictures of temples and label them with the names mentioned above.



(2) Which of these temples do you think is the oldest? _____

(3) Which of these temples do you think is the most recent? _____