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Which one of the following is an artificial lake? (a) Kodaikanal (Tamil Nadu) (b) Kolleru (Andhra Pradesh) (c) Nainital (Uttarakhand) (d) Renuka (Himachal Pradesh) Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

(a) Kodaikanal (Tamil Nadu). Kodai lake was created in 1863 by damming streams in the Palani Hills as an artificial reservoir for the hill station. Among the four, it is the man-made lake. This option is the official key.

(b)

(b) **Kolleru** (Andhra Pradesh). **Kolleru** is a natural freshwater lake between the Godavari and Krishna deltas, a Ramsar wetland. It is not artificial. This option is not the key.

(c)

(c) **Nainital** (Uttarakhand). Naini Lake is a natural tectonic/depression lake of the Kumaon Himalaya. This option is not the key.

(d)

(d) Renuka (Himachal Pradesh). Renuka is a natural lake in Sirmaur, tied to the Renuka fair, not an excavated tank. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (a) Kodaikanal. The Palani Hills lake at Kodaikanal is a 19th-century constructed reservoir. **Kolleru**, **Nainital** and Renuka are natural waterbodies-deltaic, tectonic and Himalayan respectively. Only (a) therefore answers "artificial lake". That is the stored letter.

Related possible facts

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Kodaikanal Lake

Formed 1863 by Sir Vere Henry Levinge and the municipality

Kolleru

Ramsar site; between Krishna and Godavari

Nainital

Kumaon lake town; 1880 landslide is a local history marker

Renuka Ji

Sirmaur district; largest natural lake in Himachal Pradesh

Other artificial lakes

e.g. Hussain Sagar (Hyderabad), Govind Sagar (Bhakra)

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