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Which one of the following is not a Harappan site? (a) Chanhudaro (b) Kot Diji (c) Sohgaury (d) Desalpur Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) **Chanhudaro**. This is a Harappan industrial site in Sind, known for bead-making, so it is a Harappan site and not the 'not Harappan' key.

(b)

(b) **Kot Diji**. Pre-Harappan / Early Harappan type-site in Sind on the Indus, so it is in the Harappan world and not the key.

(c) Official key

(c) **Sohgaury**. This is a Mauryan-period copper-plate / bronze plaque site in Gorakhpur district, Uttar Pradesh, recording a famine-relief storehouse - not a Harappan settlement. That is why it is the official 'not a Harappan site' key.

(d)

(d) **Desalpur**. A Harappan site in Kachchh, Gujarat, so it is Harappan and not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) **Sohgaury**. **Chanhudaro**, **Kot Diji** and **Desalpur** sit in the Indus-Saraswati Harappan map. **Sohgaury** is an early historic Mauryan record from the middle **Ganga plain**, not a Bronze Age Harappan town. Honour the stored letter (c).

Related possible facts

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Chanhudaro

Sind; bead and craft centre

Kot Diji

Early Harappan type-site, Sind

Desalpur

Kachchh, Gujarat

Sohgaura

Mauryan plaque, Gorakhpur

Askable twin

Mahasthangarh / other early historic copper records

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