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Consider the following minerals: 1. Bentonite 2. Chromite 3. Kyanite 4. Sillimanite In India, which of the above is/are officially designated as major minerals? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 4 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 2, 3 and 4 only Official key: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

1 and 2 only. Bentonite is a minor mineral; kyanite and sillimanite are major.

(b)

4 only. Under-counts chromite and kyanite.

(c)

1 and 3 only. Bentonite is minor.

(d) Official key

2, 3 and 4 only. Chromite, kyanite, sillimanite - major minerals. Bentonite is notified as minor.

Summary

Official key is (d) 2, 3 and 4 only. Chromite, kyanite and sillimanite are major minerals. Bentonite is a minor mineral under the **MMDR** framework.

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MMDR

Major vs minor lists; bentonite with clays.

Atomic / major

Sillimanite/kyanite as refractory majors.

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