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Which one of the following ancient towns is well-known for its elaborate system of water harvesting and management by building a series of dams and channelizing water into connected reservoirs? (a) Dholavira (b) Kalibangan (c) Rakhigarhi (d) Ropar
Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

Dholavira. Dams, channels and connected reservoirs on the island city.

(b)

Kalibangan. Ploughed field, fire altars - not this water grid.

(c)

Rakhigarhi. Largest Harappan spread; not the textbook reservoir system.

(d)

Ropar. A Sutlej site; not this hydraulic fame.

Summary

Official key is (a) **Dholavira**. The Harappan city in Kutch is known for an elaborate system of dams, drains and interlinked reservoirs.

Related possible facts

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Dholavira

UNESCO; three divisions, stadium, water harvesting.

Great Bath

Mohenjo-daro's other water monument - a neighbour PYQ.

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