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Which one of the following lakes of West Africa has become dry and turned into a desert? (a) Lake Victoria (b) Lake Faguibine (c) Lake Oguta (d) Lake Volta Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

Lake Victoria. Still Africa's largest freshwater lake.

(b)

Lake Faguibine. A shrinking Malian Sahel lake; not the keyed option.

(c) Official key

Lake Oguta. The West African lake keyed as having dried into desert in this paper.

(d)

Lake Volta. A large Ghanaian reservoir, still in water.

Summary

Official key is (c) Lake Oguta. Among the four West African names, the Commission keys Oguta as the lake that has gone dry and turned to desert. Victoria and Volta remain major water bodies; Faguibine is the neighbouring Sahel shrinkage story.

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Lake Chad

The better-known Sahel shrinkage PYQ neighbour.

Lake Volta

Akosombo dam reservoir, Ghana.

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