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Who among the following rulers of medieval Gujarat surrendered Diu to Portuguese? (a) Ahmad Shah (b) Mahmud Begarha (c) Bahadur Shah (d) Muhammad Shah Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

Ahmad Shah. Early Muzaffarid; not the Diu cession to the Portuguese.

(b)

Mahmud Begarha. Fifteenth-century Gujarat sultan; fought the Portuguese later in the story, not this surrender.

(c) Official key

Bahadur Shah. Ceded Diu to the Portuguese (1530s) amid the Gujarat-Mughal-Portuguese tangle.

(d)

Muhammad Shah. A repeating throne-name, not the Diu treaty figure.

Summary

Official key is (c) **Bahadur Shah** of **Gujarat**. Pressed by Humayun, he sought Portuguese help and lost Diu to them. Ahmad Shah, Mahmud Begarha and a generic Muhammad Shah are the wrong reigns.

Related possible facts

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Diu

Island at the mouth of the Gulf of Khambhat; Portuguese from the 1530s to 1961.

Bahadur Shah (Gujarat)

Muzaffarid; died 1537.