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The famous female figurine known as 'Dancing Girl', found at Mohenjo-daro, is made of (a) carnelian (b) clay (c) bronze (d) gold Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

Carnelian. Harappan beads, not this figurine.

(b)

Clay. Terracotta is a neighbour, not the Dancing Girl.

(c) Official key

Bronze. Lost-wax copper-bronze; the Mohenjo-daro Dancing Girl.

(d)

Gold. The jewellery trap.

Summary

Official Set A key is (c) bronze. The Mohenjo-daro Dancing Girl is a small lost-wax bronze. **Carnelian** is for beads, terracotta for other figurines, gold for jewellery. Bronze is the official material.

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Dancing Girl, Mohenjo-daro

About 10.5 cm. Lost-wax bronze in the standard catalogue. National Museum, Delhi.

Lost-wax / cire perdue

The Harappan metal-casting method for this figurine.

Priest-king

Steatite. The other famous Mohenjo-daro figure.

Carnelian

Red-orange beads, often from Gujarat. Option (a).

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