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The first Gandharva Mahavidyalaya, a music training school, was set up in 1901 by Vishnu Digambar Paluskar in: (a) Delhi (b) Gwalior (c) Ujjain (d) Lahore Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

Delhi. A later music city, not the 1901 founding.

(b)

Gwalior. Paluskar's training ground, not the first school's city.

(c)

Ujjain. Another music town in the same belt; not this founding.

(d) Official key

Lahore. **Vishnu Digambar Paluskar** opened the first **Gandharva Mahavidyalaya** there in 1901.

Summary

Official Set A key is (d) Lahore. In 1901 Paluskar set up the first **Gandharva Mahavidyalaya** in Lahore to teach Hindustani music outside the gharana court. Gwalior is where he trained; Delhi and Ujjain are other centres. The founding city on this paper is Lahore.

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Vishnu Digambar Paluskar (1872-1931)

Brought khayal and bhakti music into public schools. **Gandhi's** Ram Dhun sits in his circle.

Gandharva Mahavidyalaya

Institutional music school. Later Delhi campus is the one students visit today.

Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande

The other moderniser: thaat system, Marris College. Pair with Paluskar, do not mix.

Gwalior gharana

Oldest khayal gharana. A city option, not Paluskar's 1901 address on this key.

Lahore music public

A major early-20th-century music public. Textbook site for 1901; not the official letter here.

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