

Corrigendum/Explanation SFG 2026 Level 1 Test 30

There are no changes to the solutions/answers. Explanations have been provided for the students who have raised doubts.

Q.38) A doubt was raised whether Playas are erosional or depositional landforms.

Exp) The flat area at the bottom of a desert basin **becomes a playa** when water collects in it that may result in the formation of an oasis. If **playa deposits have more saline matter** and salts then it is known as salina. So, Playas are not erosional landforms; rather, it is a depositional landforms. Most of the standard sources mention Playas as a depositional landform. Kindly refer the source below with respect to Playas.

Source: <https://egyankosh.ac.in/bitstream/123456789/53277/3/Block-2.pdf> (Page 76-77)

Though Class XI Fundamentals of Physical Geography NCERT Chapter: Landforms and their Evolution Page: 60, mentions Playas under the subheading Erosional landform. **But the description of Playas says:** In basins with mountains and hills around and along, the drainage is towards the centre of the basin, and **due to gradual deposition of sediment from basin margins**, a nearly level plain forms at the centre of the basin. In times of sufficient water, this plain is covered up by a shallow water body. **Such types of shallow lakes are called as playas where water is retained only for a short duration due to evaporation and quite often the playas contain good deposition of salts.**