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Among the following, which were frequently mentioned in the news for the outbreak of Ebola virus recently? (a) Syria and Jordan (b) Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia (c) Philippines and Papua New Guinea (d) Jamaica, Haiti and Surinam Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) Syria and Jordan. Those States were in the news for civil war and refugees, not for the 2014 West African Ebola epidemic. Wrong outbreak geography.

(b) Official key

(b) Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia. The 2014-16 Ebola outbreak was centred on these three West African countries and dominated the news in the months before this paper. That trio is the official key.

(c)

(c) Philippines and Papua New Guinea. Pacific States were not the Ebola epicentre. Not the key.

(d)

(d) Jamaica, Haiti and Surinam. Caribbean/Guiana names, not the West African Ebola belt. Not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia. The 2014 Ebola epidemic was a West African event in those three countries. Syria-Jordan, Pacific islands and Caribbean names were other news, not this outbreak. Only (b) matches the epidemic map.

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