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Consider the following States: 1. Arunachal Pradesh 2. Himachal Pradesh 3. Mizoram In which of the above States do 'Tropical Wet Evergreen Forests' occur? (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

Arunachal Pradesh does have tropical wet evergreen patches in its lower belts, but Mizoram also has them. '1 only' is therefore incomplete. This option is not the key.

(b)

Himachal Pradesh is largely temperate and alpine Himalayan forest, not tropical wet evergreen. Mizoram does have tropical wet evergreen/semi-evergreen forest, but pairing it with Himachal is wrong. This option is not the key.

(c) Official key

Tropical wet evergreen forests occur in Arunachal Pradesh (foothills and valleys) and in Mizoram. Himachal Pradesh lies outside that climatic belt. Hence 1 and 3 only is the official key.

(d)

Including Himachal Pradesh is incorrect. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) 1 and 3 only. Tropical wet evergreen forest needs high rainfall and a short dry season, found in parts of the North-East including Arunachal foothills and Mizoram. Himachal's forest belts are subtropical pine, temperate oak-conifer and alpine, not tropical wet evergreen. Statement 2 therefore fails. Only Arunachal and Mizoram remain.

Related possible facts

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Champion and Seth

Classification of Indian forests; tropical wet evergreen is a type

Western Ghats / Andamans / NE

Principal Indian regions of tropical wet evergreen forest

Dipterocarps

Typical evergreen trees in NE and Andaman wet evergreen stands

Himachal belts

Chir pine, deodar, oak, fir-spruce with altitude

Mizoram climate

Heavy monsoon; tropical evergreen and semi-evergreen cover

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