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Which one of the following pairs of States of India indicates the easternmost and westernmost State? (a) Assam and Rajasthan (b) Arunachal Pradesh and Rajasthan (c) Assam and Gujarat (d) Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat Official key: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) Assam and Rajasthan. Assam is not India's easternmost State (Arunachal lies further east). Rajasthan is not the westernmost (Gujarat's Kachchh extends further west). Both ends are wrong.

(b)

(b) Arunachal Pradesh and Rajasthan. Arunachal is the easternmost State, but Rajasthan is not westernmost; Gujarat reaches a more westerly longitude. The pair fails on the west.

(c)

(c) Assam and Gujarat. Gujarat is westernmost, but Assam is not easternmost. The east end is wrong.

(d) Official key

(d) Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat. Kibithu/Kibithoo in Arunachal Pradesh is the eastern extremity among States; Ghuar Mota in Kachchh, Gujarat, is the western extremity. That pair is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d) Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat. Among States, the easternmost point lies in Arunachal Pradesh and the westernmost in Gujarat. Assam is east but not the eastern extreme; Rajasthan is west but not the western extreme. Only Arunachal-Gujarat matches both ends.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Easternmost State point

Kibithu area, Anjaw, Arunachal Pradesh

Westernmost State point

Ghuar Mota, Kachchh, Gujarat

Northernmost (pre-2019)

Indira Col area, Siachen, J&K

Southernmost mainland

Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu

Southernmost Indian territory

Indira Point, Great Nicobar

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