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Which one of the following was given classical language status recently? (a) Odia (b) Konkani (c) Bhojpuri (d) Assamese Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

Odia was granted classical language status in 2014, the most recent such decision at the time of this paper. This option is the official key.

(b)

Konkani is in the **Eighth Schedule** but was not given classical status. This option is not the key.

(c)

Bhojpuri is not an **Eighth Schedule** language and was not a classical language. This option is therefore wrong.

(d)

Assamese is an **Eighth Schedule** language; it did not have classical status in 2015 (that came much later). This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (a) Odia. In 2014 the Union accorded classical status to Odia, after Tamil, Sanskrit, Kannada, Telugu and Malayalam. Konkani, Bhojpuri and Assamese were not in that 2014 classical list. 'Recently' in a 2015 paper points to Odia. Only (a) matches.

Related possible facts

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Classical languages by 2014

Tamil, Sanskrit, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam, Odia

Criteria (then)

High antiquity of texts, original literary tradition, distinct from modern form

Eighth Schedule

Scheduled languages; classical status is a separate Union decision

Odia script

Eastern Nagari-related tradition of Odisha

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Promotes scheduled and recognised languages; not the classical-status authority

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