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**Consider the following pairs: Famous Place - Region 1. Bodhgaya : Baghelkhand 2. Khajuraho : Bundelkhand 3. Shirdi : Vidarbha 4. Nasik (Nashik) : Malwa 5. Tirupati : Rayalaseema Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched? (a) 1, 2 and 4 (b) 2, 3, 4 and 5 (c) 2 and 5 only (d) 1, 3, 4 and 5 Official key: C.**

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**Explanation**

**(a)**

• **Pair 1 (Bodhgaya: Baghelkhand)** is wrong - Bodh Gaya lies in Magadha (Gaya district, Bihar), not **Baghelkhand**. Pair 4 (Nashik : **Malwa**) is also wrong - Nashik is in Maharashtra, not **Malwa** of Madhya Pradesh. Even though Khajuraho is in **Bundelkhand**, 1, 2 and 4 is not the key.

**(b)**

This option keeps the two wrong pairs Shirdi-**Vidarbha** and Nashik-**Malwa** (Shirdi is in Ahmednagar, not **Vidarbha**) while adding Tirupati-**Rayalaseema**. 2, 3, 4 and 5 is therefore not the key.

**(c) Official key**

Khajuraho is in the **Bundelkhand** region of Madhya Pradesh, and Tirupati lies in **Rayalaseema** (Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh). Bodh Gaya is not **Baghelkhand**; Shirdi is not **Vidarbha**; Nashik is not **Malwa**. Only pairs 2 and 5 are correctly matched, so (c) is the official key.

**(d)**

This mix includes the three wrong regional tags for Bodh Gaya, Shirdi and Nashik. 1, 3, 4 and 5 is not the key.

**Summary**

• **Official key is (c) 2 and 5 only. Read the stem list as given:** Bodhgaya is Magadha, not **Baghelkhand**; Khajuraho is **Bundelkhand**; Shirdi is in the **Ahmednagar plateau**, not **Vidarbha**; Nashik is in north-western Maharashtra, not **Malwa**; Tirupati is **Rayalaseema**. Regional-geography matching in Prelims often plants one famous temple in the wrong historic region. Only Khajuraho-**Bundelkhand** and Tirupati-**Rayalaseema** survive.

**Related possible facts**

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

**Baghelkhand**

Rewa-Satna region of north-eastern Madhya Pradesh / adjoining UP

**Bundelkhand**

Jhansi-Khajuraho-Panna belt of UP-MP

**Vidarbha**

Nagpur-Amravati region of eastern Maharashtra

**Malwa**

Western MP plateau around Ujjain-Indore

**Rayalaseema**

Kurnool, Kadapa, Anantapur, Chittoor (Tirupati) in Andhra Pradesh

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