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With reference to river Teesta, consider the following statements:

1. The source of river Teesta is the same as that of Brahmaputra but it flows through Sikkim. 2. River Rangeet originates in Sikkim and it is a tributary of river Teesta. 3. River Teesta flows into Bay of Bengal on the border of India and Bangladesh. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 and 3 only. Teesta does not share the Brahmaputra's source, and it meets the Brahmaputra in Bangladesh rather than entering the Bay of Bengal on the India-Bangladesh border. Both 1 and 3 fail.

(b) Official key

(b) 2 only. The Rangeet (Rangit) rises in Sikkim and joins the Teesta. That tributary fact is correct; 1 and 3 are not. This is the official key.

(c)

(c) 2 and 3 only. Statement 3 is wrong on the Bay-of-Bengal border mouth. Not the key.

(d)

(d) 1, 2 and 3. Source and mouth claims are false.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 only. Teesta rises in the eastern Himalaya (Tso Lhamo / Pauhunri region of Sikkim), not at the Brahmaputra's Tibetan source. Rangeet is a major Sikkim tributary of the Teesta. After Jalpaiguri the river enters Bangladesh and joins the Brahmaputra (Jamuna)-Padma system rather than meeting the Bay exactly on the India-Bangladesh shore. Only the Rangeet statement stands.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Teesta source region

North Sikkim Himalaya

Rangeet / Rangit

Sikkim tributary of Teesta

Teesta in India

Sikkim and West Bengal

Bangladesh join

Meets Brahmaputra system

Brahmaputra source

Angsi / Chemayungdung, Tibet

Teesta barrage

Gazaldoba (India); Farakka is on Ganga

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