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Consider the following pairs: Regions sometimes mentioned in news - Country
1. Catalonia - Spain
2. Crimea - Hungary
3. Mindanao - Philippines
4. Oromia - Nigeria
Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched? (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 3 and 4 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 2 and 4 only
Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1, 2 and 3. **Catalonia** is in Spain and **Mindanao** in the Philippines, but **Crimea** is a peninsula of Ukraine (annexed by Russia in 2014), not Hungary. Pair 2 spoils this set. This option is not the key.

(b)

(b) 3 and 4 only. **Mindanao**-Philippines is right, but **Oromia** is a region of Ethiopia, not Nigeria. This option is not the key.

(c) Official key

(c) 1 and 3 only. **Catalonia**-Spain and **Mindanao**-Philippines are correctly matched. **Crimea** is not Hungarian; **Oromia** is not Nigerian. Hence only 1 and 3. This option is the official key.

(d)

(d) 2 and 4 only. Both of those pairs are wrong. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) 1 and 3 only. **Catalonia** is an autonomous community of Spain; **Mindanao** is the large southern island of the Philippines. **Crimea** belongs with Ukraine/Russia, not Hungary. **Oromia** is in Ethiopia, not Nigeria. The two correct region-country pairs are therefore 1 and 3. That is option (c).

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Catalonia

Spain; 2017 independence referendum crisis

Crimea

Ukrainian peninsula; Russian annexation 2014

Mindanao

Philippines; Bangsamoro autonomy process

Oromia

Largest regional state of Ethiopia

Biafra / Igbo

Nigerian conflict region sometimes confused with the Horn

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