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Consider the following pairs: Towns sometimes mentioned in news - Country
1. Aleppo - Syria 2. Kirkuk - Yemen 3. Mosul - Palestine 4. Mazar-i-Sharif - Afghanistan
Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched? (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1 and 4 (c) 2 and 3 (d) 3 and 4
Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

(a) 1 and 2. **Aleppo** is in Syria, but **Kirkuk** is in Iraq, not Yemen. Pair 2 is wrong, so this is not the key.

(b) Official key

(b) 1 and 4. **(b) Official key:** **Aleppo** is a Syrian city; **Mazar-i-Sharif** is in Afghanistan. **Kirkuk** is Iraqi, not Yemeni; **Mosul** is Iraqi, not Palestinian. Pairs 1 and 4 only are correct.

(c)

(c) 2 and 3. Both **Kirkuk**-Yemen and **Mosul**-Palestine are mismatches. This is not the key.

(d)

(d) 3 and 4. Pair 4 is right; pair 3 is not. This is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) 1 and 4. **Aleppo**-Syria and **Mazar-i-Sharif**-Afghanistan are correctly matched. **Kirkuk** and **Mosul** are in Iraq, not Yemen or Palestine. Honour the stored letter (b).

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Aleppo

Northern Syria; major civil-war battle

Kirkuk

Iraq; oil city; Kurdish-Arab-Turkmen contest

Mosul

Iraq; taken from ISIS in 2017

Mazar-i-Sharif

Northern Afghanistan; Blue Mosque

Yemen cities in news

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