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Q18

Very recently, in which of the following countries have lakhs of people either suffered from severe famine/acute malnutrition or died due to starvation caused by war/ethnic conflicts? (a) Angola and Zambia (b) Morocco and Tunisia (c) Venezuela and Colombia (d) Yemen and South Sudan Official key: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) Angola and Zambia. These southern African states were not the 2017 war-famine pair in the news. This letter is not the key.

(b)

(b) Morocco and Tunisia. North African states, not the starvation theatres of that period. This is not the key.

(c)

(c) Venezuela and Colombia. Venezuela had a humanitarian and economic crisis, but the stem's war/ethnic-conflict famine pairing in 2017-18 Prelims context is Yemen and **South Sudan**. This is not the key.

(d) Official key

(d) Yemen and **South Sudan**. **(d) Official key:** UN agencies warned of famine and mass starvation in Yemen (war) and **South Sudan** (civil war), with related alerts for north-east Nigeria and Somalia. That pair is the stored key.

Summary

Official key is (d) Yemen and **South Sudan**. Conflict, siege and displacement produced famine-level hunger there around 2017. Angola-Zambia, Morocco-Tunisia and Venezuela-Colombia are different crises. Honour the stored letter (d).

Related possible facts

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Yemen conflict

Civil war with regional intervention; blockade and bombing

South Sudan

Civil war from 2013; famine declared 2017 in parts

IPC

Integrated Food Security Phase Classification

Other 2017 alerts

Somalia; north-east Nigeria (Boko Haram)

UN role

OCHA, WFP, FAO famine warnings

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