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With reference to the religious practices in India, the "Sthanakvasi" sect belongs to (a) Buddhism (b) Jainism (c) Vaishnavism (d) Shaivism Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) Buddhism. Buddhist schools include Theravada, Mahayana and Vajrayana; Sthanakvasi is not one of them. This option is not the key.

(b) Official key

(b) Jainism. Sthanakvasis are a Svetambara Jain sect that rejects idol worship and worships in sthanaks (halls) rather than temples. That is the Indian religious identification asked. This option is the official key.

(c)

(c) Vaishnavism. Vaishnava sampradayas centre on Vishnu/Krishna; Sthanakvasi is not among them. This option is not the key.

(d)

(d) Shaivism. Shaiva traditions worship Shiva; they do not include Sthanakvasi. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) Jainism. Sthanakvasi is a non-idolatrous Svetambara Jain tradition, distinguished from **Murtipujaka** temple Jains and from the later **Terapanth**. It is not a Buddhist nikaya and not a Vaishnava or Shaiva sampradaya. The WRAP identification is therefore Jainism. That matches the stored letter (b).

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