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Among the following which one is the largest exporter of rice in the world in the last five years? (a) China (b) India (c) Myanmar (d) Vietnam Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) **China**. **China** is the world's largest rice producer but a modest net exporter relative to India in the years around this paper, so **China** is not the key.

(b) Official key

(b) India. In the five years preceding 2019 India was the world's largest rice exporter (non-basmati and basmati combined), ahead of Thailand and Vietnam in several of those years. That ranking is the official key.

(c)

(c) Myanmar. A regional exporter but not the world leader in that window, so not the key.

(d)

(d) Vietnam. A top-three exporter, often behind India (and sometimes Thailand), so not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) India. Production leadership (**China**) is not the same as export leadership (India in that five-year span). Vietnam and Myanmar are important but smaller in the world export table. Honour the stored letter (b).

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India export mix

Basmati plus non-basmati white rice

China

Largest producer, largely for domestic use

Thailand / Vietnam

The other perennial top exporters

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