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Consider the following pairs: Sea Bordering country 1. Adriatic Sea : Albania 2. Black Sea : Croatia 3. Caspian Sea : Kazakhstan 4. Mediterranean Sea : Morocco 5. Red Sea : Syria Which of the pairs given above are correctly matched? (a) 1, 2 and 4 only (b) 1, 3 and 4 only (c) 2 and 5 only (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1, 2 and 4 only. Pair 1 (**Adriatic**-Albania) and pair 4 (Mediterranean-Morocco) are correct, but pair 2 (**Black Sea**-Croatia) is not: Croatia fronts the **Adriatic**, not the **Black Sea**. So this code is not the key.

(b) Official key

(b) 1, 3 and 4 only. Albania borders the **Adriatic**; Kazakhstan borders the **Caspian**; Morocco borders the Mediterranean (and the Atlantic). Croatia is not a **Black Sea** state; Syria is Mediterranean, not **Red Sea**. Those three true pairs are the official key.

(c)

(c) 2 and 5 only. Both of those pairs are the false ones, so this is not the key.

(d)

(d) All five. Two mismatches (Croatia-**Black Sea**; Syria-**Red Sea**) kill the all-true code.

Summary

- **Official key is (b) 1, 3 and 4 only. Walk the map:** Albania-**Adriatic**, Kazakhstan-**Caspian**, Morocco-Mediterranean. Croatia is **Adriatic**; Syria is eastern Mediterranean; **Red Sea** states include Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Jordan (Aqaba), Israel (Eilat) - not Syria. Honour the stored letter (b).

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Adriatic

Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, Montenegro, Albania

Black Sea

Ukraine, Russia, Georgia, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania

Caspian

Russia, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Iran, Azerbaijan

Red Sea

No Syrian coast

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Jordan's only sea frontage at Aqaba

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