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Consider the following states: 1. Chhattisgarh 2. Madhya Pradesh 3. Maharashtra 4. Odisha With reference to the States mentioned above, in terms of percentage of forest cover to the total area of State, which one of the following is the correct ascending order? (a) 2-3-1-4 (b) 2-3-4-1 (c) 3-2-4-1 (d) 3-2-1-4 Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

(a) 2-3-1-4, i.e. Madhya Pradesh-Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh-Odisha. That order does not match forest-cover percentage (Maharashtra is the lowest of the four, Chhattisgarh the highest), so this is not the key.

(b)

(b) 2-3-4-1. It starts with MP then Maharashtra, which inverts the two lowest-percentage States, so this is not the key.

(c) Official key

(c) 3-2-4-1. Using FSI figures of that period, percentage forest cover to State area rose Maharashtra < Madhya Pradesh < Odisha < Chhattisgarh, i.e. 3-2-4-1. That ascending order is the official key.

(d)

(d) 3-2-1-4. It places Chhattisgarh before Odisha; Chhattisgarh's percentage is higher than Odisha's, so this is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) 3-2-4-1. Among the four States, Maharashtra had the lowest forest-cover percentage, then Madhya Pradesh, then Odisha, with Chhattisgarh highest. Area of forest (MP is huge) is not the same as percentage of State area. Honour the stored letter (c).

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FSI

India State of Forest Report

MP note

Largest forest area, not highest percentage here

Chhattisgarh

High percentage among large States

Maharashtra

Lowest percentage of these four

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