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In India, 'extended producer responsibility' was introduced as an important feature in which of the following? (a) The Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998 (b) The Recycled Plastic (Manufacturing and Usage) Rules, 1999 (c) The e-Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011 (d) The Food Safety and Standard Regulations, 2011 Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998 regulate hospital waste. They are not the instrument that introduced extended producer responsibility as the exam's important feature. Not the key.

(b)

(b) Recycled Plastic (Manufacturing and Usage) Rules, 1999 dealt with recycled plastic bags and marking. **EPR** as a named pillar is not this 1999 code. Not the key.

(c) Official key

(c) The e-Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2011 made extended producer responsibility a central feature: the producer remains responsible for electrical and electronic equipment after end of life. That is the official key.

(d)

(d) Food Safety and Standards Regulations, 2011 are FSSAI food-safety norms, not an **EPR** statute. Not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c). **EPR** in Indian environmental law is classically taught from the 2011 e-waste rules: the producer funds collection and channelisation after consumption. Bio-medical, 1999 plastics and FSSAI rules are different regimes. Honour (c).

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EPR

Producer responsible for post-consumer collection and recycling

E-waste Rules, 2011

First dedicated e-waste code with EPR; later 2016/2022 rules

Plastic Waste Rules

Later also use EPR for plastic packaging

Battery / tyre

Other EPR streams in later rules

Polluter pays

EPR is an application of that principle

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