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In the context of any country, which one of the following would be considered as part of its social capital? (a) The proportion of literates in the population (b) The stock of its buildings, other infrastructure and machines (c) The size of population in the working age group (d) The level of mutual trust and harmony in the society Official key: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) The proportion of literates is **human capital** (skills and knowledge), not **social capital**. Not the key.

(b)

(b) Buildings, infrastructure and machines are **physical capital**. Not the key.

(c)

(c) The size of the working-age population is a demographic/labour-force stock, not **social capital**. Not the key.

(d) Official key

(d) Mutual trust and harmony in society is the textbook core of **social capital** - networks, norms and trust that make cooperation possible. That is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d). **Social capital** is trust, norms and networks. Literacy is **human capital**; factories and roads are **physical capital**; working-age numbers are demography. Honour (d).

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Social capital

Putnam: trust, norms, networks

Human capital

Education, skills, health

Physical capital

Plant, machinery, infrastructure

Natural capital

Forests, minerals, ecosystems

Financial capital

Savings, credit, securities

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