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Q27

**Which of the following are in Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve?
(a) Neyyar, Peppara and (b) Mudumalai, Sathyamangalam and Wayanad wildlife Sanctuaries; and Silent Valley National Park (c) Kaundinya, Gundla Brahmeswaram and Papikonda wildlife Sanctuaries; and Mukurthi National Park (d) Kawal and Sri Venkateswara Wildlife Sanctuaries; and Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve Official key: A.**

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

(a) Neyyar, Peppara and Shendurney Wildlife Sanctuaries, with Kalakad-Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve. These Kerala-Tamil Nadu units lie in the Agasthyamalai (Agasthyamala) Biosphere Reserve in the southern Western Ghats. That set is the official key.

(b)

(b) Mudumalai, Sathyamangalam, Wayanad and Silent Valley. These belong to the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve cluster, not Agasthyamala, so this is not the key.

(c)

(c) Kaundinya, Gundla Brahmeswaram, Papikonda and Mukurthi. These are Eastern Ghats / Andhra and Nilgiri names mixed; they are not the Agasthyamala set, so this is not the key.

(d)

(d) Kawal, Sri Venkateswara and Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem. Telangana-Andhra tiger and sanctuary landscape, not Agasthyamala, so this is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (a). Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve covers the southernmost Western Ghats (Kerala-Tamil Nadu), including Neyyar, Peppara, Shendurney and Kalakad-Mundanthurai. The Nilgiri, Eastern Ghats and Godavari-Krishna packs in (b)-(d) are other reserves. Honour the stored letter (a).

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

States

Kerala and Tamil Nadu

KMTR

Kalakad-Mundanthurai Tiger Reserve

Nilgiri BR

Mudumalai, Wayanad, Silent Valley belt

Askable twin

Agastya peak; southern Western Ghats endemism

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