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Consider the following pairs: River Flows into 1. Mekong : Andaman Sea 2. Thames : Irish Sea 3. Volga : Caspian Sea 4. Zambezi : Indian Ocean Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only (c) 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2 and 4 only Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

1 and 2 only. Mekong meets the South China Sea (Vietnam), not the Andaman Sea; Thames is the North Sea, not the Irish Sea.

(b)

3 only. **Zambezi** also holds.

(c) Official key

3 and 4 only. **Volga** → Caspian; **Zambezi** → Indian Ocean (Mozambique Channel). Mekong and Thames are mis-paired.

(d)

1, 2 and 4 only. Keeps two wrong seas.

Summary

Official key is (c) 3 and 4 only. **Volga** drains to the Caspian; **Zambezi** to the Indian Ocean. The **Mekong delta** is South China Sea; the Thames estuary is the North Sea.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Volga

Europe's longest; Caspian endorheic.

Zambezi

Victoria Falls; Indian Ocean mouth.