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Siachen Glacier is situated to the (a) East of Aksai Chin (b) East of Leh (c) North of Gilgit (d) North of Nubra Valley Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

East of Aksai Chin. Aksai Chin is further east; Siachen is west of that tract.

(b)

East of Leh. Siachen lies north, up the Nubra/Shyok.

(c)

North of Gilgit. Gilgit is west, down the Indus.

(d) Official key

North of Nubra Valley. The glacier heads the Nubra (the Siachen river).

Summary

Official key is (d). Siachen sits at the head of the Nubra Valley - north of Nubra - not east of Leh or Aksai Chin, and not north of Gilgit.

Related possible facts

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Nubra

Shyok tributary; Diskit/Hunder.

Saltoro

The ridge India holds west of the glacier.

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