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**Which of the following are the most likely places to find the musk deer in its natural habitat? 1. Askot Wildlife Sanctuary 2. Gangotri National Park 3. Kishanpur Wildlife Sanctuary 4. Manas National Park Select the correct answer using the code given below: (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 3 and 4 only (d) 1 and 4 only Official key: A.**

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**Explanation****(a) Official key**

1 and 2 only. Himalayan musk deer: **Askot** (Uttarakhand) and Gangotri. Not the typical Deccan/terai reserves in 3 and 4.

**(b)**

2 and 3 only. Mixes a Himalayan park with a non-habitat.

**(c)**

3 and 4 only. Both outside the natural range as keyed.

**(d)**

1 and 4 only. Drops Gangotri; keeps a miss.

**Summary**

Official key is (a) 1 and 2 only. Musk deer are Himalayan. **Askot** Wildlife Sanctuary and Gangotri National Park are in that range. The other two names in the paper are not.

**Related possible facts**

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

**Moschus**

Alpine scrub and forest; musk pod poaching.

**Askot**

Pithoragarh; Gori/Kali catchments.