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Which of the following are the reasons/factors for exposure to benzene pollution? 1. Automobile exhaust 2. Tobacco smoke 3. Wood burning 4. Using varnished wooden furniture 5. Using products made of polyurethane Select the correct answer using the code given below: (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 2 and 4 only (c) 1, 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

1, 2 and 3 only. Exhaust, tobacco smoke and wood smoke are keyed **benzene** sources. Varnish and polyurethane are not in the official trio.

(b)

2 and 4 only. Under-counts exhaust and wood; keeps varnish.

(c)

1, 3 and 4 only. Mixes a miss and a drop.

(d)

All five. 4 and 5 are not counted on this paper.

Summary

- **Official key is (a) 1, 2 and 3 only. Benzene exposure as keyed:** automobile exhaust, tobacco smoke, wood burning. Varnished furniture and polyurethane goods are not in that official set.

Related possible facts

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Benzene

IARC Group 1; leukaemia risk.

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The petrol-vapour neighbour cluster.

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