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Which one of the following protected areas is well-known for the conservation of a sub-species of the Indian swamp deer (Barasingha) that thrives well on hard ground and is exclusively graminivorous? (a) Kanha National Park (b) Manas National Park (c) Mudumalai Wildlife Sanctuary (d) Tal Chhapar Wildlife Sanctuary Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

Kanha. Hard-ground barasingha (*Rucervus duvaucelii branderi*); grass-eater; the recovery story of MP.

(b)

Manas. Wet-ground / swamp barasingha of the Brahmaputra, not the hard-ground race.

(c)

Mudumalai. Nilgiri landscape; not this subspecies.

(d)

Tal Chhapar. Blackbuck grassland in Rajasthan.

Summary

Official key is (a) Kanha. The hard-ground swamp deer lives in Kanha's meadows, is a grass-eater, and was pulled back from a few dozen animals. Manas holds a different, wetter barasingha form.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Branderi race

Hard-ground barasingha; Kanha.

Wet barasingha

Dudhwa, Kaziranga, Manas - swamp specialist.

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