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With reference to the history of India, the terms "kulyavapa" and "dronavapa" denote (a) measurement of land (b) coins of different monetary value (c) classification of urban land (d) religious rituals Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

Measurement of land. Gupta-period kulyavapa and dronavapa are sowing-area units.

(b)

Samudragupta. A king, not the term.

(c)

Harshavardhana. Unrelated.

(d)

Krishnadeva Raya. Unrelated.

Summary

Official key is (a). Kulyavapa and dronavapa are Gupta land-measure terms - the area that could be sown with a kulya or a **drona** of seed - not the names of kings.

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Nivartana / kulyavapa

Sowing measures in copper-plate grants.

Drona

A volume of grain; hence an area unit.

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