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With reference to the Indian economy after the 1991 economic liberalization, consider the following statements: 1. Worker productivity (rs. per worker at 2004-05 prices) increased in urban areas while it decreased in rural areas. 2. The percentage share of rural areas in the workforce steadily increased. 3. In rural areas, the growth in non-farm economy increased. 4. The growth rate in rural employment decreased Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 and 4 only (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 4 only Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

1 and 2 only. Rural workforce share did not steadily rise; urban/rural productivity as stated is not the keyed pair.

(b) Official key

3 and 4 only. **Rural non-farm** economy grew; rural employment growth slowed after 1991. 1 and 2 fail.

(c)

3 only. Under-counts the employment-growth fall.

(d)

1, 2 and 4 only. Keeps the two false limbs.

Summary

Official key is (b) 3 and 4 only. After 1991, **rural non-farm** activity expanded and the growth rate of rural employment slowed. A clean urban-up/rural-down productivity split and a steadily rising rural share of the workforce are not keyed.

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