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With reference to the scholars/litterateurs of ancient India, consider the following statements: 1. Panini is associated with Pushyamitra Shunga. 2. Amarasimha is associated with Harshavardhana. 3. Kalidasa is associated with Chandra Gupta-II. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

1 and 2 only. Panini is centuries before Pushyamitra; Amarasimha is Gupta, not Harsha.

(b)

2 and 3 only. Amarasimha-Harsha fails.

(c) Official key

3 only. Kalidasa is placed in Chandragupta II's court (Vikramaditya). The other two pairings are anachronisms.

(d)

All three. 1 and 2 fail.

Summary

Official key is (c) 3 only. Kalidasa is associated with Chandragupta II. Panini is pre-Mauryan/early classical, not Shunga. Amarasimha belongs to the Gupta nava-ratna tradition, not Harsha's court.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Navaratna

Traditional Gupta court list: Kalidasa, Amarasimha, Varahamihira...

Harshavardhana

Banabhatta, not Amarasimha.

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