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Consider the following statements: 1. Moringa (drumstick tree) is a leguminous evergreen tree. 2. Tamarind tree is endemic to South Asia. 3. In India, most of the tamarind is collected as minor forest produce. 4. India exports tamarind and seeds of moringa. 5. Seeds of moringa and tamarind can be used in the production of biofuels. Which of the statements given above are correct? (a) 1, 2, 4 and 5 (b) 3, 4 and 5 (c) 1, 3 and 4 (d) 1, 2, 3 and 5 Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

1, 2, 4 and 5. Moringa is not a legume; tamarind is African in origin, not endemic to South Asia.

(b) Official key

3, 4 and 5. Most Indian tamarind is collected as MFP; India exports tamarind and moringa seed; both seeds can go to biofuel. 1 and 2 fail.

(c)

1, 3 and 4. Statement 1 fails.

(d)

1, 2, 3 and 5. Keeps both false origin/family limbs.

Summary

Official key is (b) 3, 4 and 5. Tamarind as minor forest produce, export of tamarind and moringa seed, and biofuel from those seeds hold. Drumstick is Moringaceae, not a legume; tamarind is not endemic to South Asia.

Related possible facts

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Moringa oleifera

Drumstick; native to the subcontinent, not a pulse.

Tamarindus indica

African origin; naturalised in India.

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