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From the decline of Guptas until the rise of Harshavardhana in the early seventh century, which of the following kingdoms were holding power in Northern India? 1. The Guptas of Magadha (a) 1, 2 and 5 (b) 1, 3, 4 and 6 (c) 2, 3 and 4 (d) 5 and 6 Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

1, 2 and 5. Paramaras of Malwa and Yadavas of Devagiri are later than this window.

(b) Official key

1, 3, 4 and 6. Later Guptas of Magadha, Pushyabhutis, Maukharis and Maitrakas of Valabhi hold northern power between the imperial Guptas and Harsha.

(c)

2, 3 and 4. Drops Magadha Guptas and Maitrakas; keeps Paramaras too early.

(d)

5 and 6. Yadavas are 12th-14th c.

Summary

Official key is (b) 1, 3, 4 and 6. After the imperial Guptas and before Harsha: Later Guptas of Magadha, Maukharis, Pushyabhutis of Thanesar and Maitrakas of Valabhi. Paramaras and Yadavas belong to a later medieval layer.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Pushyabhuti

Thanesar-Kannauj; Harsha's house.

Maitraka

Valabhi, Gujarat; until mid-8th c.