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Q16

**R2 Code of Practices' constitutes a tool available for promoting the adoption of (a) environmentally responsible practices in electronics recycling industry (b) ecological management of 'Wetlands of International Importance' under the Ramsar Convention (c) sustainable practices in the cultivation of agricultural crops in degraded lands. (d) 'Environmental Impact Assessment' in the exploitation of natural resources Official key: A.**

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**Explanation****(a) Official key**

Environmentally responsible electronics recycling. R2 is a standard for e-waste recyclers.

**(b)**

Ramsar wetlands. Unrelated.

**(c)**

Degraded-land crops. Unrelated.

**(d)**

EIA of extractives. Unrelated.

**Summary**

Official key is (a). The R2 (Responsible Recycling) Code of Practices is a certification for electronics recyclers - environment, data security, downstream due diligence.

**Related possible facts**

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

**R2**

SERI standard; e-waste recycling.

**E-waste rules (India)**

CPCB; EPR on producers - a neighbour PYQ.

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