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The black cotton soil of India has been formed due to the weathering of (a) brown forest soil (b) fissure volcanic rock (c) granite and schist (d) shale and limestone Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

Brown forest soil. A temperate forest type, not Deccan clay.

(b) Official key

Fissure volcanic rock. Deccan Trap basalt weathers to black cotton / **regur**.

(c)

Granite and schist. Red/yellow soils more often.

(d)

Shale and limestone. Different parent.

Summary

Official key is (b) fissure volcanic rock. Black cotton soil (**regur**) is weathered Deccan Trap basalt from fissure eruptions.

Related possible facts

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Regur

Montmorillonite clay; shrink-swell; cotton.

Deccan Traps

Cretaceous-Paleogene flood basalt.

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