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**With reference to Chausath Yogini Temple situated near Morena, consider the following statements: 1. It is a circular temple built during the reign of Kachchhapaghata Dynasty. 2. It is the only circular temple built in India. 3. It was meant to promote the Vaishnava cult in the (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 4 (d) 2, 3 and 4 Official key: C.**

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**Explanation**

**(a)**

1 and 2. It is not India's only circular temple.

**(b)**

2 and 3 only. Not Vaishnava; Yogini is Shaiva/Tantric. Not unique as circular.

**(c) Official key**

1 and 4. Circular **Kachchhapaghata** temple near Morena; plan often compared to the Parliament House circle. Not unique; not Vaishnava.

**(d)**

2, 3 and 4. 2 and 3 fail.

**Summary**

Official key is (c) 1 and 4. The Chausath Yogini temple at **Mitawali** (Morena) is a circular **Kachchhapaghata** shrine. Its ring of cells is often likened to the circular Parliament building. It is not India's only circular temple and it is Yogini, not Vaishnava.

**Related possible facts**

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

**Mitawali**

Chausath Yogini; near Padavali-Bateshwar, Morena.

**Kachchhapaghata**

10th-12th c. house of Gwalior-Morena.

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