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Q45

With reference to medieval India, which one of the following is the correct sequence in ascending order in terms of size? (a) Paragana-Sarkar-Suba (b) Sarkar-Paragana-Suba (c) Suba-Sarkar-Paragana (d) Paragana-Suba-Sarkar Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

Paragana - Sarkar - **Suba**. Smallest to largest Mughal unit.

(b)

Sarkar - Paragana - **Suba**. Sarkar is larger than pargana.

(c)

Suba - Sarkar - Paragana. Descending, not ascending.

(d)

Paragana - **Suba** - Sarkar. **Suba** is the province, above sarkar.

Summary

- **Official key is (a). Ascending size in Mughal administration:** pargana (group of villages), sarkar (district), **suba** (province).

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Suba

Province; Akbar's twelve, later more.

Ain-i-Akbari

The administrative gazetteer of that grid.