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**Which one of the following has been constituted under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986? (a) Central Water Commission (b) Central Ground Water Board (c) Central Ground Water Authority (d) National Water Development Agency Official key: C.**

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**Explanation**

**(a)**

**Central Water Commission.** Older, irrigation/flood body; not EPA 1986.

**(b)**

Central Ground Water Board. Attached scientific organisation; not the EPA authority.

**(c) Official key**

Central Ground Water Authority. Constituted under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

**(d)**

NWDA. Water-linking studies; different statute.

**Summary**

Official key is (c). Central Ground Water Authority was set up under **Section 3(3)** of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to regulate groundwater. CWC, CGWB and NWDA have other parentage.

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**CGWA**

EPA 1986; later framed with CGWB.

**EPA, 1986**

Umbrella environment law after Bhopal.

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