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With reference to Indian history, consider the following texts: 1. Nettipakarana 2. Parishishtaparvan 3. Avadanashataka 4. Trishashtilakshana Mahapurana Which of the above are Jaina texts? (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2 and 4 only (c) 1, 3 and 4 (d) 2, 3 and 4
Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

1, 2 and 3. **Nettipakarana** and Avadanashataka are Buddhist.

(b) Official key

2 and 4 only. **Parishishtaparvan** and Trishashtilakshana Mahapurana are Jaina. The other two are Buddhist.

(c)

1, 3 and 4. **Nettipakarana** is Pali Buddhist; Avadana is Buddhist narrative.

(d)

2, 3 and 4. Avadanashataka is not Jaina.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 and 4 only. Hemachandra's **Parishishtaparvan** and Jinasena's Trishashtilakshana Mahapurana are Jaina. **Nettipakarana** is in the Pali canon's orbit; Avadanashataka is a Buddhist avadana collection.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Parishishtaparvan

Hemachandra; Jain legendary history of the Sthaviras.

Nettipakarana

A Pali methodological text associated with the Khuddaka.