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With reference to Indian laws about wildlife protection, consider the following statements: 1. Wild animals are the sole property of the government. 2. When a wild animal is declared protected, such animal is entitled for equal protection whether it is found in protected areas or outside. 3. Apprehension of a protected wild animal becoming a danger to human life is sufficient ground for its capture or killing. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 only (c) 1 and 3 (d) 3 only Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

1 and 2. 'Sole property of the government' is not the keyed first limb.

(b) Official key

2 only. A protected wild animal has the same statutory protection inside or outside a PA. Mere apprehension of danger is not enough to capture or kill; statement 1 is not counted.

(c)

1 and 3. Statement 3 is too loose for WLPA.

(d)

3 only. Killing on mere apprehension is not the law as keyed.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 only. Under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, scheduled species are protected wherever found, not only in parks. Capture or killing needs the grounds the Act writes - not a bare apprehension. Statement 1 is not the keyed property rule.

Related possible facts

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WLPA, 1972

Schedules; later 2022 amendment.

Section 11 WLPA

Limited hunting/killing by Chief Wildlife Warden on specified grounds.

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