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Q29

Consider the following: 1. Demographic performance 2. Forest and ecology 3. Governance reforms 4. Stable government 5. Tax and fiscal efforts For the horizontal tax devolution, the Fifteenth Finance Commission used how many of the above as criteria other than population area and income distance? (a) Only two (b) Only three (c) Only four (d) All five Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

Only two. The 15th FC used three extra criteria besides population, area and income distance.

(b) Official key

Only three. Demographic performance, forest & ecology, and tax & fiscal efforts. Not governance reforms, not stable government.

(c)

Only four. Governance reforms and stable government were not 15th FC horizontal criteria.

(d)

All five. Two of the five names are not in the formula.

Summary

Official key is (b) only three. For horizontal devolution the 15th Finance Commission used population, area, forest & ecology, income distance, demographic performance and tax & fiscal effort. Governance reforms and 'stable government' were not criteria.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

15th FC

2021-26; chaired by N.K. Singh.

Income distance

Gap from the highest-income state; a need-equalising criterion.

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