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Q4

**Consider the following statements: 1. India has more arable area than China. 2. The proportion of irrigated area is more in India as compared to China. 3. The average productivity per hectare in Indian agriculture is higher than that in China. How many of the above statements are correct? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None Official key: A.**

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**Explanation****(a) Official key**

Only one. India has more **arable land** than China. Irrigation share and yield per hectare do not favour India in this comparison.

**(b)**

Only two. Productivity in China is higher, not lower.

**(c)**

All three. Statement 3 is false.

**(d)**

None. Arable-area ranking is the one that holds.

**Summary**

Official key is (a) only one. FAO-type figures give India a larger arable area than China. A higher share of India's cropped area is rainfed than China's irrigated north; average cereal yield per hectare is higher in China. So only statement 1 is keyed correct.

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**Arable land**

Land under temporary crops; India ranks among the world's largest arable areas.

**Yield gap**

China's average cereal yield per hectare has long exceeded India's.

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