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Consider the following statements: Once the Central Government notifies an area as a 'Community Reserve' 1. the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State becomes the governing authority of such forest 2. hunting is not allowed in such area 3. people of such area are allowed to collect non-timber forest produce 4. people of such area are allowed traditional agricultural practices How many of the above statements are correct? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

Only one. Two statements about Community Reserves hold.

(b) Official key

Only two. Hunting is not allowed; people may collect NTFP. The Chief Wildlife Warden is not the governing authority; traditional agriculture is not a guaranteed right here.

(c)

Only three. Over-counts the governance and agriculture limbs.

(d)

All four. **Community Reserve** is run through a management committee, not CWW as in a Sanctuary.

Summary

Official key is (b) only two. Under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, a **Community Reserve** is community-conserved: hunting is prohibited, and NTFP collection by local people is envisaged. It is not vested in the Chief Wildlife Warden the way a Sanctuary is, and traditional agriculture is not a listed free-for-all.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Community Reserve

WLPA ss. 36C-36D; community or private land; **Management Committee**.

Conservation Reserve

Government land next to a PA; a neighbouring category.

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