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Q3

Consider the following trees: 1. Jackfruit (Artocarpus heterophyllus) 2. Mahua (Madhuca indica) 3. Teak (Tectona grandis) How many of the above are deciduous trees? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

Only one. **Mahua** and **teak** are both deciduous.

(b) Official key

Only two. **Mahua** and **teak** shed leaves in the dry season. Jackfruit is evergreen.

(c)

All three. Jackfruit (Artocarpus heterophyllus) is evergreen.

(d)

None. Two of the three are deciduous.

Summary

Official key is (b) only two. **Teak** (Tectona grandis) and **mahua** (Madhuca indica) are deciduous. Jackfruit is an evergreen tropical tree, so it is not counted.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Teak

Tectona grandis; premier deciduous timber of peninsular India.

Mahua

Madhuca longifolia / indica; dry-deciduous; flowers used for food and liquor.

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