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Which one of the following best describes the concept of 'Small Farmer Large Field'? (a) Resettlement of a large number of people, uprooted from their them a large cultivable land which they cultivable land which they cultivate collectively and share the produce (b) Many marginal farmers in an area organize themselves into groups and synchronize and harmonize selected agricultural operations (c) Many marginal farmers in an area together make a contract with a corporate body and surrender their land to the corporate body for a fixed term for which the corporate body makes a payment of agreed amount to the farmers (d) A company extends loans, technical knowledge and material inputs to a number of small farmers in an area so that they produce the agricultural commodity required by the company for its manufacturing process and commercial production Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

Collective resettlement on one large farm. That is a commune / cooperative colony, not this phrase.

(b) Official key

Many smallholders synchronise operations (sowing, irrigation, harvest) as if the plots were one field.

(c)

Leasing land to a company for a fixed rent. **Contract farming** / lease, not **SFLF**.

(d)

Company supplies inputs for a tied crop. That is **contract farming**.

Summary

Official key is (b). 'Small Farmer Large Field' is a grouping of contiguous small plots so that selected operations run in sync - scale without consolidating title. (a), (c) and (d) describe resettlement, lease-out or **contract farming**.

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SFLF

FAO / IRRI-type model used in parts of India and Vietnam: synchronised operations on fragmented holdings.

Contract farming

Pre-agreed sale to a buyer; different from SFLF.

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