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**Which one the following countries has its own Satellite Navigation System? (a) Australia (b) Canada (c) Israel (d) Japan**  
**Official key: D.**

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**Explanation**

**(a)**

Australia. Uses GPS / other GNSS; no sovereign constellation of this class.

**(b)**

Canada. Same - a user, not an operator of a full GNSS.

**(c)**

Israel. Regional systems and satellites, not a named GNSS like **QZSS**.

**(d) Official key**

Japan. **QZSS** (Michibiki) is Japan's regional satellite navigation system.

**Summary**

Official key is (d) Japan. Quasi-Zenith Satellite System is Japan's own satellite navigation overlay. Australia, Canada and Israel do not field a comparable sovereign GNSS. (GPS, GLONASS, Galileo, BeiDou are the other full constellations.)

**Related possible facts**

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**QZSS**

Michibiki; Japan; regional GNSS compatible with GPS.

**NavIC**

India's regional constellation - the PYQ neighbour of QZSS.

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