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**With reference to ancient Indian History, \* consider the following pairs: Literary work Author 1.Devichandragupta : Bilhana 2.Hammira-Mahakavya : Nayachandra Suri 3.Milinda-panha : Nagarjuna 4.Nitivakyamrita : Somadeva Suri How many of the above pairs are correctly matched? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four Official key: B.**

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**Explanation**

**(a)**

Only one. Two author-work pairs hold.

**(b) Official key**

Only two. Hammira-Mahakavya is Nayachandra Suri; Nitivakyamrita is Somadeva Suri. Devichandragupta is Vishakhadatta, not **Bilhana**; **Milindapanha** is Nagasena, not Nagarjuna.

**(c)**

Only three. Two mismatches remain.

**(d)**

All four. Two of the four authors are wrong.

**Summary**

Official key is (b) only two. Nayachandra Suri's Hammira-Mahakavya and Somadeva Suri's Nitivakyamrita match. Devichandragupta is ascribed to Vishakhadatta (not **Bilhana**). Milinda-panha is a dialogue with Nagasena, not Nagarjuna.

**Related possible facts**

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**Milindapanha**

Questions of King Menander; monk Nagasena.

**Bilhana**

Vikramankadevacarita; not Devichandragupta.

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