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Consider the following: 1. Cashew 2. Papaya 3. Red sanders How many of the above trees are actually native to India? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

Only one. **Red sanders** is native; **cashew** and papaya are New World introductions.

(b)

Only two. Over-counts natives.

(c)

All three. **Cashew** (Brazil) and papaya (Central America) are not Indian natives.

(d)

None. **Red sanders** (*Pterocarpus santalinus*) is endemic to the Eastern Ghats.

Summary

Official key is (a) only one. **Red sanders** is native to India. **Cashew** was brought from Brazil; papaya from the Americas. So only one of the three trees is actually native.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Red sanders

Pterocarpus santalinus; endemic to southern Eastern Ghats; CITES-listed.

Cashew

Anacardium occidentale; Portuguese introduction from Brazil.

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