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**Consider the following aircraft: 1. Rafael 2. MiG-29 3. Tejas MK-1**  
**How many of the above are considered fifth generation fighter aircraft? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None Official key: D.**

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**Explanation**

**(a)**

Only one. None of the three is fifth-generation.

**(b)**

Only two. Rafale, MiG-29 and **Tejas Mk-1** are 4 / 4.5 gen.

**(c)**

All three. Fifth-gen examples are F-22, F-35, Su-57, J-20 - not this list.

**(d) Official key**

None. All three are 4th / 4.5th generation fighters.

**Summary**

Official key is (d) none. Rafale is 4.5-generation, MiG-29 is 4th-generation, **Tejas Mk-1** is a 4th / light combat aircraft. None is a fifth-generation stealth fighter.

**Related possible facts**

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

**Fifth generation**

Stealth, sensor fusion, supercruise - e.g. F-35, Su-57.

**Tejas Mk-1**

HAL LCA; IAF 4th-generation light fighter.

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