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Q10

Consider the following information : Region Name of the mountain range Type of mountain
1. Central Asia Vosges Fold mountain
2. Europe Alps Block mountain
3. North America Appalachians Fold mountain
4. South America Andes Fold mountain
In how many of the above rows is the information 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 rows are correctly typed.

(b) Official key

Only two. Appalachians and Andes are **fold mountains**. Vosges are block, not fold; Alps are fold, not block.

(c)

Only three. The first two rows are swapped types.

(d)

All four. Vosges and Alps are mis-typed.

Summary

Official key is (b) only two. Vosges (Central Europe / west of the Rhine) are block (fault-block) mountains, not fold. The Alps are **fold mountains**, not block. The Appalachians and the Andes are **fold mountains**. So rows 3 and 4 match; 1 and 2 do not.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Fold mountains

From crustal compression: Himalaya, Alps, Andes, Appalachians.

Block mountains

Uplifted fault blocks: Vosges, Black Forest, Sierra Nevada.

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