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Q19

Consider the following plants 1. Groundnut 2. Horse-gram 3. Soybean How many of the above belong to the pea family ? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

Only one. All three are legumes.

(b)

Only two. Under-counts.

(c) Official key

All three. Groundnut, horse-gram and soybean are Fabaceae.

(d)

None. All belong to the pea family.

Summary

Official key is (c) all three. Groundnut (Arachis), horse-gram (Macrotyloma) and soybean (Glycine) are legumes - the pea family (Fabaceae).

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Fabaceae

Legume family; often nitrogen-fixing with Rhizobium.

Horse-gram

Macrotyloma uniflorum; a drought-hardy Indian pulse.

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