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Q25

Consider the following statements : 1. Lions do not have a particular breeding season. 2. Unlike most other big cats, cheetahs do not roar. 3. Unlike male lions, male leopards do not proclaim their territory by scent marking. Which of the statements given above are correct ? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

1 and 2 only. Lions breed year-round; cheetahs cannot roar (they purr / chirp).

(b)

2 and 3 only. Male leopards do scent-mark territory; 3 is false.

(c)

1 and 3 only. Drops the true cheetah-roar limb.

(d)

All three. Statement 3 fails.

Summary

Official key is (a) 1 and 2 only. Lions have no tightly fixed breeding season. Cheetahs, unlike lion/tiger/leopard/jaguar, cannot roar; they purr and chirp. Male leopards do scent-mark territory, so statement 3 is false.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Panthera roar

Hyoid and larynx specialisation in lion, tiger, jaguar, leopard.

Cheetah

Acinonyx; runs; cannot roar; often placed outside roaring cats.