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Consider the following statements : 1. The Red Sea receives very little precipitation in any form. 2. No water enters the Red Sea from rivers. Which of the statements given above is/are correct ? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

1 only. Statement 2 is also keyed: negligible river inflow.

(b)

2 only. Statement 1 is also keyed: very little precipitation.

(c) Official key

Both. **Arid basin**; almost no river discharge into the Red Sea.

(d)

Neither. Both statements hold on this paper.

Summary

Official key is (c) both. The Red Sea sits in an arid belt with very little rainfall. No major rivers empty into it; water exchange is mainly through the **Bab el-Mandeb** and the Suez Canal. High evaporation, not river input, shapes its salinity.

Related possible facts

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Bab el-Mandeb

Strait linking the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden / Indian Ocean.

Red Sea salinity

Among the saltiest open seas because of evaporation and scant freshwater.

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