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Consider the following statements : Statement-I : Sumed pipeline is a strategic route for Persian Gulf oil and natural gas shipments to Europe. Statement-II : Sumed pipeline connects the Red Sea with the Mediterranean Sea. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements ? (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement- II explains Statement-I (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct, but Statement-II does not explain Statement-I (c) Statement-I is correct, but Statement-II is incorrect (d) Statement-I is incorrect, but Statement-II is correct Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

Both correct and II explains I. SUMED links Red Sea to Mediterranean, so Gulf oil can skip the Cape for Europe.

(b)

Both correct but II does not explain I. The geography is the reason the route is strategic.

(c)

I correct, II incorrect. SUMED does connect Red Sea and Mediterranean.

(d)

I incorrect, II correct. Statement-I is also right.

Summary

Official key is (a). The SUMED (Suez-Mediterranean) pipeline runs from Ain Sokhna on the Red Sea to Sidi Kerir on the Mediterranean. That bypass lets Persian Gulf crude reach Europe without rounding Africa when Suez draft or traffic is a constraint. So II explains why I is a strategic route.

Related possible facts

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SUMED pipeline

Egypt: Ain Sokhna (Red Sea) to Sidi Kerir (Mediterranean).

Suez Canal

Parallel sea route; SUMED handles oversize / excess tanker cargo.

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