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Consider the following statements : Statement-I : There is instability and worsening security situation in the Sahel region. Statement-II : There have been military takeovers/coups d'état in several countries of the Sahel region in the recent past. 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. Coups in Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger (and others) worsened **Sahel** security.

(b)

Both correct but II does not explain I. The coups are a direct driver of the instability named in I.

(c)

I correct, II incorrect. The takeovers did happen.

(d)

I incorrect, II correct. The **Sahel** security crisis is real.

Summary

Official key is (a). The **Sahel** has seen a cluster of military takeovers. Those coups and the jihadist insurgencies around them are why the security situation has worsened. Statement-II therefore explains Statement-I.

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Sahel

Semi-arid belt south of the Sahara: Mali, Niger, Burkina Faso and neighbours.

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Alliance of Sahel States after the 2020s coups; juntas in Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger.

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