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Which of the following is/are correctly matched in terms of equivalent rank in the three services of Indian Defence forces ?
Army : Airforce : Navy
1. Brigadier : Air Commodore : Commander
2. Major General : Air Vice Marshal : Vice Admiral
3. Major Squadron Leader : Lieutenant Commander
4. Lieutenant Colonel : Group Captain : Captain
Select the correct answer using the code given below : (a) 1 and 4 (b) 1 and 3 (c) 2, 3 and 4 (d) 3 only
Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

1 and 4. Both rows mismatch Navy/Air ranks.

(b)

1 and 3. Brigadier is not Navy Commander; 3 is the only clean row.

(c)

2, 3 and 4. Major General is not Vice Admiral; Lt Col is not Group Captain.

(d) Official key

3 only. Major : Squadron Leader : Lieutenant Commander is the matching trio.

Summary

Official key is (d) 3 only. Army Major = IAF Squadron Leader = Navy Lieutenant Commander. Brigadier pairs with Air **Commodore** and **Commodore**, not Commander. Major General pairs with Air Vice Marshal and Rear Admiral, not Vice Admiral. Lieutenant Colonel pairs with **Wing Commander** and Commander, not Group Captain / Captain. So only row 3 is right.

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Commodore

Navy one-star; equivalent to Brigadier / Air Commodore.

Wing Commander

IAF equivalent of Lieutenant Colonel.

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