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Which one of the following is a work attributed to playwright Bhasa ? (a) Kavyalankara (b) Natyashastra (c) Madhyama-vyayoga (d) Mahabhashya Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

Kavyalankara. A work of Alamkara sastra (Bhamaha), not a Bhasa play.

(b)

Natyashastra. Bharata's treatise on drama, not Bhasa.

(c) Official key

Madhyama-vyayoga. A Bhasa play in the Trivandrum Sanskrit plays corpus.

(d)

Mahabhashya. Patanjali on Panini, not drama.

Summary

Official key is (c) Madhyama-vyayoga. Bhasa is credited with a set of Sanskrit plays recovered in Kerala, including Madhyama-vyayoga, Swapnavasavadattam and Pratijnayaugandharayana. The other three titles belong to poetics, dramaturgy and grammar.

Related possible facts

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Bhasa

Early Sanskrit playwright; Trivandrum plays published by T. Ganapati Sastri.

Natyashastra

Bharata's foundational text on Indian theatre and rasa.

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