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Q6

With reference to the Himalayan rivers Joining the Ganga downstream of Prayagraj from West to East, which one of the following sequences is correct ? (a) Ghaghara - Gomati - Gandak - Kosi (b) Gomati - Ghaghara - Gandak - Kosi (c) Ghaghara - Gomati - Kosi - Gandak (d) Gomati - Ghaghara - Kosi - Gandak
Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

Ghaghara-Gomati-Gandak-**Kosi**. Gomati meets the Ganga west of Ghaghara's confluence.

(b) Official key

Gomati-Ghaghara-Gandak-**Kosi**. West-to-east after **Prayagraj**.

(c)

Ghaghara-Gomati-**Kosi**-Gandak. Order of Gomati/Ghaghara and Gandak/**Kosi** both wrong.

(d)

Gomati-Ghaghara-**Kosi**-Gandak. Gandak joins west of the **Kosi**.

Summary

Official key is (b). Downstream of **Prayagraj**, from west to east, the left-bank sequence is Gomati, then Ghaghara, then Gandak, then **Kosi** (each joining the Ganga further east). Ghaghara is east of Gomati; **Kosi** is east of Gandak.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Prayagraj

Confluence of Ganga, Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati.

Kosi

"**Sorrow of Bihar**"; joins the Ganga in north-east Bihar.