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**Consider the following fruits : I. Papaya II. Pineapple III. Guava
How many of the above were introduced in India by the
Portuguese in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries? (a) Only
one (b) Only two (c) All the three (d) None Official key: C.**

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Explanation

(a)

Only one. Papaya, **pineapple** and guava are all keyed as the tropical-fruit set asked.

(b)

Only two. Under-counts.

(c) Official key

All the three. All three fruits match the stem's test.

(d)

None. All three hold.

Summary

Official Set A key is (c) all three. Papaya, **pineapple** and guava all satisfy the botanical / cultivation test in the question (tropical fruits as printed). None is an extra.

Related possible facts

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Columbian exchange

American crops to Asia: chilli, potato, tomato, maize, papaya, pineapple, guava, cashew.

Portuguese India

Goa as the hop for many of those plants in the 16th century.

Ananas (pineapple)

Brazilian origin. Early Portuguese carry to India.

Psidium guajava

Guava - tropical America. Now naturalised across India.

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