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Q16

Who among the following led a successful military campaign against the kingdom of Srivijaya, the powerful maritime State, which ruled the Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Java and the neighbouring islands? (a) Amoghavarsha (Rashtrakuta) (b) Prataparudra (Kakatiya) (c) Rajendra I (Chola) (d) Vishnuvardhana (Hoysala) Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

Amoghavarsha (Rashtrakuta). A 9th-century Kannada-Jaina court, not a Malay sea war.

(b)

Prataparudra (Kakatiya). 14th-century Warangal. Too late, wrong ocean.

(c) Official key

Rajendra I (Chola). He sent the 1025 expedition against **Srivijaya** (**Kadaram** / Kedah) after the Gangaikonda campaign - Malay Peninsula, Sumatra and neighbouring ports.

(d)

Vishnuvardhana (Hoysala). 12th-century Deccan; Belur-Halebid, not **Srivijaya**.

Summary

Official key is (c) **Rajendra I** (Chola). The 1025 CE raid on **Srivijaya** is the **Kadaram** campaign. Amoghavarsha, Prataparudra and Vishnuvardhana belong to other dynasties and centuries.

Related possible facts

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Rajendra I

Chola, r. 1014-1044. Gangaikondacholapuram; northern Ganga raid; 1025 Srivijaya expedition.

Srivijaya

Malay Buddhist thalassocracy centred on Palembang. Controlled Strait of Malacca trade.

Kadaram

Kedah. Named in Tamil inscriptions for the 1025 strike.

Rajaraja I

Father of Rajendra; Sri Lanka and Maldives, not the 1025 Kadaram raid.

Nagapattinam / Chola-China trade

The Bay of Bengal-South China Sea commercial background to the raid.

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