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With reference to India's defence, consider the following pairs:
Aircraft type : Description
I. Dornier-228 : Maritime patrol aircraft
II. IL-76 : Supersonic combat aircraft
III. C-17 Globemaster III : Military transport aircraft
How many of the pairs given above are correctly matched? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All the three (d) None
Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

Only one. Two pairs match.

(b) Official key

Only two. Dornier-228 is a maritime patrol / utility type in Indian service; C-17 is a military transport. IL-76 is a transport, not a supersonic combat aircraft.

(c)

All three. IL-76 as a fighter is the planted error.

(d)

None. Two hold.

Summary

- **Official Set A key is (b) only two.** **Dornier-228:** Indian Navy/Coast Guard maritime patrol and utility. **C-17 Globemaster III:** strategic airlift. **IL-76:** heavy transport (Gajraj), not a supersonic fighter. I and III match; II does not.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Dornier 228

HAL-built light turboprop. Indian Navy/Coast Guard maritime patrol.

Ilyushin Il-76

Strategic airlifter, not a fighter. IAF uses it for transport and as Phalcon AEW platform.

C-17 Globemaster III

Boeing strategic transport. IAF fleet at Hindon.

Su-30MKI / Rafale

Actual supersonic combat types. The neighbour of the IL-76 trap.

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