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Consider the following statements: 1. The Executive Power of the Union of India is vested in the Prime Minister. 2. The Prime Minister is the ex Officio Chairman of the Civil Services Board. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Official key: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 only. **Article 53** vests the executive power of the Union in the President, not the Prime Minister. Statement 1 is false.

(b)

(b) 2 only. The **Cabinet Secretary**, not the Prime Minister, is the ex-officio Chairman of the **Civil Services Board**. Statement 2 is false.

(c)

(c) Both 1 and 2. Both statements are incorrect, so both cannot be the key.

(d) Official key

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. Union executive power is vested in the President; the **Civil Services Board** is chaired by the **Cabinet Secretary**. Neither statement is correct; that is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d) Neither 1 nor 2. The President, not the Prime Minister, holds the Union's executive power. The **Cabinet Secretary** chairs the **Civil Services Board**. Both listed claims fail. The keyed choice is neither.

Related possible facts

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Article 53

Executive power of the Union vested in the President

Article 74

Council of Ministers with PM to aid and advise

Cabinet Secretary

Head of the civil service; CSB chair

Civil Services Board

Empanelment and senior postings process

Article 75

PM appointed by the President

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