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Consider the following statements: 1. The first woman President of the Indian National Congress was Sarojini Naidu. 2. The first Muslim President of the Indian National Congress was Badruddin Tyabji. 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: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 only. The first woman President of the Indian National Congress was **Annie Besant** (Calcutta, 1917), not **Sarojini Naidu** (Kanpur, 1925). Statement 1 is false.

(b) Official key

(b) 2 only. **Badruddin Tyabji** was the first Muslim President of the Congress (Madras, 1887). Statement 2 is correct and 1 is not; that is the official key.

(c)

(c) Both 1 and 2. Because 1 is wrong, both cannot be the key.

(d)

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. Statement 2 is a standard fact, so neither-nor fails.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 only. **Badruddin Tyabji** was the first **Muslim Congress President (1887)**. The first woman President was **Annie Besant**, not **Sarojini Naidu**. Statement 1 is therefore false. Only statement 2 is correct.

Related possible facts

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Annie Besant

First woman INC President, 1917, Calcutta

Sarojini Naidu

INC President, 1925, Kanpur; first Indian woman President

Badruddin Tyabji

Third INC President, 1887, Madras

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First INC President, 1885

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