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Q7

Consider the following statements regarding the Directive Principles of State Policy: 1. The Principles spell out of the socio economic democracy in the country. 2. The provisions contained in these Principles are not enforceable by any court. Which of statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 only. Statement 1 is correct-the DPSPs sketch socio-economic democracy (livelihood, education, living wage, and so on)-but statement 2 is also correct under [Article 37](#). Stopping at 1 only is incomplete.

(b)

(b) 2 only. Non-enforceability is true, yet statement 1 is also a standard reading of [Part IV](#). 2 only drops a correct statement.

(c) Official key

(c) Both 1 and 2. [Part IV](#) sets out the socio-economic content of democracy that the State must strive for, and [Article 37](#) says the Principles are not enforceable by any court though they are fundamental in governance. Both statements are correct; that is the official key.

(d)

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. Both statements track the constitutional text and doctrine. Neither-nor is wrong.

Summary

Official key is (c) Both 1 and 2. Directive Principles spell out the socio-economic aims of the Indian State. [Article 37](#) makes them non-justiciable while still fundamental to governance. Statement 1 and statement 2 therefore both stand. The keyed choice is both.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Part IV

Directive Principles of State Policy, [Articles 36-51](#)

Article 37

Not enforceable by any court; fundamental in governance

Granville Austin

Called DPSPs and FRs the 'conscience of the Constitution'

Minerva Mills

Harmony between FRs and DPSPs

Article 38

Social order and minimising inequalities

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