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Consider the following: The arrival of Babur into India led to the
1. introduction of gunpowder in the subcontinent 2. introduction
of the arch and dome in the region's architecture 3.
establishment of Timurid dynasty in the region Select the correct
answer using the codes given below (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only (c)
1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 and 2 only. Gunpowder was already known in the subcontinent before 1526, and the **true arch and dome** were established under the **Delhi Sultanate**. Both 1 and 2 are historically false as Babur 'introductions'.

(b) Official key

(b) 3 only. Babur was a Timurid; his victory in 1526 established Timurid (Mughal) dynastic rule in northern India. That is the only correct statement and the official key.

(c)

(c) 1 and 3 only. Statement 3 is right, but gunpowder was not Babur's introduction. The pair fails.

(d)

(d) 1, 2 and 3. Statements 1 and 2 are incorrect, so the full set is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) 3 only. Babur founded Timurid-Mughal rule in India. Gunpowder and arcuate architecture had already entered the subcontinent. Statements 1 and 2 therefore fall. Only statement 3 stands.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

First Battle of Panipat

1526, Babur defeats Ibrahim Lodi

Timur

Babur's ancestor; sack of Delhi 1398

Gunpowder in India

In use in the Sultanate/Deccan before Babur

True arch and dome

Sultanate architecture (e.g. Alai Darwaza)

Baburnama

Babur's memoirs

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