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Q85

The fundamental object of Panchayati Raj system is to ensure which among the following? 1. People's participation in development 2. Political accountability 3. Democratic decentralization 4. Financial mobilization Select the correct answer using the code given below (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 2 and 4 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

This set adds political accountability (2) to participation and decentralisation. Political accountability is a wider democratic goal, not listed as a fundamental object of Panchayati Raj in the sense of this question. This option is not the key.

(b)

Political accountability and financial mobilisation without people's participation and democratic decentralisation miss the core of Panchayati Raj. This option is therefore wrong.

(c) Official key

The fundamental object of Panchayati Raj is people's participation in development and democratic decentralisation. Financial mobilisation and political accountability are not the defining pair in this official framing. Hence 1 and 3 only is the official key.

(d)

All four over-states the 'fundamental object' as the question uses it. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) 1 and 3 only. Panchayati Raj, especially after the **73rd Amendment**, is meant to take democracy to the village and involve people in local development. Political accountability and financial mobilisation are related ideas but were not treated as the fundamental objects here. Statements 2 and 4 therefore drop. Only participation and democratic decentralisation remain.

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73rd Amendment

1992; Part IX, Panchayats

Article 40

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