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The ideal of 'Welfare State' in the Indian Constitution is enshrined in its (a) Preamble (b) Directive Principles of State Policy (c) Fundamental Rights (d) Seventh Schedule Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

The Preamble states justice, equality and related ideals, but the operational 'welfare State' programme-livelihood, health, education, living wage-is elaborated in the Directive Principles. This option is not the key.

(b) Official key

Part IV Directive Principles of State Policy commit the State to social and economic welfare: adequate livelihood, equal pay, public health, education, nutrition and reduction of inequality. That is the constitutional home of the welfare-State ideal. This option is the official key.

(c)

Fundamental Rights are primarily civil-political guarantees (with some socio-economic content such as 21 and 21A). They are not the charter of the welfare State as a whole. This option is therefore wrong.

(d)

The **Seventh Schedule** distributes legislative subjects; it does not enshrine the welfare-State ideal. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) Directive Principles of State Policy. **Article 38** asks the State to secure a social order for welfare. Preamble ideals are prefatory; rights are justiciable limits; the **Seventh Schedule** is a list of heads of law. Granville Austin's 'common social revolution' reading points to Part IV. Only DPSPs fit.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Article 38

Social order and welfare; minimise inequalities (38(2) via 44th Amendment)

Article 39

Livelihood, resources, equal pay, childhood protection

Article 41-43

Work, education, public assistance, just conditions, living wage

Minerva Mills (1980)

Harmony of Fundamental Rights and DPSPs

Seventh Schedule

Union, State and Concurrent Lists

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