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"To uphold and protect the Sovereignty, Unity and Integrity of India" is a provision made in the (a) Preamble of the Constitution (b) Directive Principles of State Policy (c) Fundamental Rights (d) Fundamental Duties Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

The **Preamble** speaks of the unity and integrity of the Nation as a resolve, but the exact duty 'to uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India' is not a **Preamble** clause in the form asked. This option is not the key.

(b)

Directive Principles guide the State; they do not impose this citizen duty. This option is therefore wrong.

(c)

Fundamental Rights are justiciable guarantees to individuals, not this duty of the citizen. This option is not the key.

(d) Official key

Article 51A(c) of the Fundamental Duties requires every citizen to uphold and protect the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India. That is the provision quoted. This option is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d) Fundamental Duties. The 42nd Amendment inserted **Article 51A**, including the sovereignty-unity-integrity duty. The **Preamble**'s language is related but not the operative duty. DPSPs bind the State; Fundamental Rights protect persons. The question quotes the duty text, which sits only in 51A.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Article 51A

Fundamental Duties; 42nd Amendment, 1976

Swaran Singh Committee

Recommended Fundamental Duties

Article 51A(a)-(k)

Eleven duties after the 86th Amendment added (k) on education

Preamble

Unity and integrity of the Nation; not the 'to uphold and protect' duty formula

Article 19(2)

Reasonable restrictions include sovereignty and integrity of India

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