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Who of the following was/were economic critic/critics of colonialism in India? 1. Dadabhai Naoroji 2. G. Subramania Iyer 3. R.C. Dutt Select the correct answer using the codes given below (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
Official key: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 only. Dadabhai Naoroji (**Drain Theory**, Poverty and Un-British Rule) is an economic critic, but **G. Subramania Iyer** and **R.C. Dutt** belong in the same set. 1 only is too narrow.

(b)

(b) 1 and 2 only. Naoroji and Iyer are in, but **R.C. Dutt's** Economic History of India is a classic drain-and-deindustrialisation critique. Dropping 3 is wrong.

(c)

(c) 2 and 3 only. Iyer and Dutt are critics, yet omitting Naoroji-the foremost drain theorist-is untenable.

(d) Official key

(d) 1, 2 and 3. All three wrote economic critiques of colonial rule: Naoroji's drain, Iyer's journalism and Congress economics, and Dutt's two-volume Economic History. That full set is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d) 1, 2 and 3. Dadabhai Naoroji, **G. Subramania Iyer** and **R.C. Dutt** all criticised the economic working of British rule. None of the three can be dropped. The keyed answer is the complete trio.

Related possible facts

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Drain Theory

Dadabhai Naoroji

Poverty and Un-British Rule in India

Naoroji, 1901

R.C. Dutt

Economic History of India, two volumes

G. Subramania Iyer

The Hindu; economic nationalist writing

Other drain writers

G.V. Joshi, Prithwis Chandra Ray, among others

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