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With reference to Congress Socialist Party, consider the following statements: 1. It advocated the boycott of British goods and evasion of taxes. 2. It wanted to establish the dictatorship of proletariat. 3. It advocated separate electorate for minorities and oppressed classes. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only (c) 1, 2 and 3 (d) None Official key: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 and 2 only. The Congress Socialist Party (1934) worked inside Congress for democratic socialism. It did not make boycott-plus-tax-evasion its creed, nor did it seek a dictatorship of the proletariat. Both 1 and 2 are false.

(b)

(b) 3 only. CSP did not demand separate electorates for minorities and oppressed classes. Statement 3 is false.

(c)

(c) 1, 2 and 3. All three misstate CSP positions. The full set is wrong.

(d) Official key

(d) None. CSP rejected communist-style dictatorship, did not programme tax evasion/boycott as its distinct line, and did not advocate separate electorates. None of the statements is correct; that is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d) None. The Congress Socialist Party stood for socialism through the Congress, not for proletarian dictatorship, separate electorates, or a boycott-and-evasion platform. Every listed statement is inaccurate. The keyed choice is none.

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CSP founding

1934, Bombay; Jayaprakash Narayan, Acharya Narendra Deva, Minoo Masani

Line

Democratic socialism within Congress

Not CPI

Rejected Comintern-style dictatorship of the proletariat

1936 Faizpur

Congress session where socialists were influential

Later stream

Many CSP leaders moved to the Socialist Party after 1948

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