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Q16

With reference to Rowlatt Satyagraha, which of the following statements is/are correct? 1. The Rowlatt Act was based on the recommendations of the 'Sedition Committee'. 2. In Rowlatt Satyagraha, Gandhiji tried to utilize the Home Rule League. 3. Demonstrations against the arrival of Simon Commission coincided with Rowlatt Satyagraha. 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: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 only. The **Rowlatt Act** did rest on the **Sedition Committee** (**Rowlatt Committee**, 1918), but **Gandhi** also used Home Rule League networks to organise the 1919 satyagraha. Statement 2 is also correct, so 1 only is incomplete.

(b) Official key

(b) 1 and 2 only. Rowlatt followed the **Sedition Committee**'s report, and **Gandhi** tried to mobilise the **Home Rule Leagues** for the satyagraha. The **Simon Commission** arrived in 1928, almost a decade later, so statement 3 is false. 1 and 2 only is the official key.

(c)

(c) 2 and 3 only. Statement 2 is right, but 3 confuses 1919 with 1928. The pair is wrong.

(d)

(d) 1, 2 and 3. Statement 3 is chronologically false, so the full set fails.

Summary

Official key is (b) 1 and 2 only. The **Rowlatt Act** implemented the **Sedition Committee**'s recommendations, and **Gandhi** sought to use Home Rule League machinery for the 1919 protest. **Simon Commission** demonstrations belong to 1928, not to Rowlatt Satyagraha. Statement 3 is therefore out. The keyed pair is 1 and 2.

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Anarchical and Revolutionary Crimes Act, 1919

Sedition Committee

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