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Consider the following: 1. Calcutta Unitarian Committee 2. Tabernacle of New Dispensation 3. Indian Reform Association Keshab Chandra Sen is associated with the establishment of which of the above? (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

The **Calcutta Unitarian Committee** (1823) is associated with Rammohan Roy, Dwarkanath Tagore and William Adam, not with Keshab Chandra Sen. Pairing it with the **Indian Reform Association** therefore fails. 1 and 3 only is not the key.

(b) Official key

Keshab Chandra Sen established the Tabernacle of New Dispensation (**Naba Bidhan**, 1868) after his break within the Brahmo movement, and he founded the **Indian Reform Association** in 1870 for social and moral reform. He is not the founder of the **Calcutta Unitarian Committee**. Statements 2 and 3 only are correct, so (b) is the official key.

(c)

The **Indian Reform Association** alone would omit the Tabernacle of New Dispensation, which Sen did establish. 3 only is incomplete.

(d)

All three would credit Sen with the **Calcutta Unitarian Committee**. That body belongs to an earlier generation around Rammohan Roy. This option is wrong.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 and 3 only. Keshab Chandra Sen led the **Brahmo Samaj of India** after 1866, proclaimed the New Dispensation, and ran the **Indian Reform Association** (education, temperance, charity). The **Calcutta Unitarian Committee** is an 1820s Rammohan-Unitarian episode. Matching questions on reform associations often mix generations; here only 2 and 3 are Sen's. Statement 1 is the trap.

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1866 split with Debendranath Tagore's Adi Brahmo Samaj

Naba Bidhan

Church of the New Dispensation, 1868

Indian Reform Association

1870; Keshab Chandra Sen as president

Calcutta Unitarian Committee

1823; Rammohan Roy, Dwarkanath Tagore, William Adam

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