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Q100

**Consider the following statements: 1. The minimum age prescribed for any person to be a member of Panchayat is 25 years. 2. A Panchayat reconstituted after premature dissolution continues only for the remainder period. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Official key: B.**

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**Explanation****(a)**

Statement 1 says the minimum age for membership of a Panchayat is 25 years. [Article 243F](#) read with the 73rd Amendment sets the minimum age at 21 years, not 25 (25 is the Lok Sabha floor). 1 only is therefore wrong.

**(b) Official key**

- **Statement 2 is correct:** a Panchayat reconstituted after premature dissolution continues only for the remainder of the original five-year term, not for a fresh five years ([Article 243E](#)). Statement 1 is false. Hence 2 only is the official key.

**(c)**

Both would require the 25-year age to be true. It is not, so both is not the key.

**(d)**

Neither would deny the remainder-term rule after premature dissolution, which is constitutional. This option is wrong.

**Summary**

Official key is (b) 2 only. Part IX fixes a five-year term for Panchayats; if the body is dissolved early, the successor sits only for what is left of that term, provided at least six months remained. The minimum age to be chosen a member is 21, not 25. Confusing Panchayat age with [Lok Sabha age](#) is the standard trap. Statement 1 fails; statement 2 stands.

**Related possible facts**

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

**Article 243E**

Duration of Panchayats; remainder of term after dissolution

**Article 243F**

Disqualifications; age not less than 21 years

**73rd Amendment, 1992**

Constitutionalised Panchayati Raj

**Lok Sabha age**

Not less than 25 years (**Article 84**)

**Election within six months**

Fresh election after dissolution, with the six-month remainder exception

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