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Q9

Regarding the taxation system of Krishna Deva, the ruler of Vijayanagar, consider the following statements: 1. The tax rate on land was fixed depending on the quality of the land. 2. Private owners of workshops paid an industries tax. 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: C.

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Explanation

(a)

Land tax by quality only. Vijayanagara assessment did vary with soil and crop, but Nuniz and other accounts also record taxes on private workshops. 1 alone is incomplete.

(b)

Industries tax only. Craft and workshop levies are attested, yet land revenue graded by quality is also standard in the **Krishnadevaraya** picture. 2 alone is not the key.

(c) Official key

Both 1 and 2. Under **Krishnadevaraya**, land revenue was graded by the quality of the soil, and owners of private workshops paid an industries tax. That stored letter is the official key.

(d)

Neither. Both statements sit in the usual textbook account of Vijayanagara taxation, so 'neither' is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) both 1 and 2. **Krishnadevaraya**'s revenue system rated land by quality and taxed artisanal workshops. Honour the stored letter (c).

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Krishnadevaraya

Tuluva king of Vijayanagara, r. 1509-1529

Portuguese chronicler

Fernão Nuniz on Vijayanagara taxes and markets

Amara-nayaka

Military-territorial assignment under Vijayanagara

Rayavachakamu / Amuktamalyada

Literary sources on the king's rule

Capital

Hampi (Vijayanagara)

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