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Consider the following pairs: 1. Radhakanta Deb - First President of the British Indian Association 2. Gazulu Lakshminarasu Chetty - Founder of the Madras Mahajana Sabha 3. Surendranath Banerjee - Founder of the Indian Association Which of the above pairs is/are correctly matched? (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 only. Radhakanta Deb was the first **President of the British Indian Association (1851)**, but **Surendranath Banerjee's Indian Association (1876)** is also correctly matched. 1 only is incomplete.

(b) Official key

(b) 1 and 3 only. Pair 1 matches Radhakanta Deb as first President of the **British Indian Association**, and pair 3 matches Surendranath Banerjee as founder of the **Indian Association**. Pair 2 is wrong: Gazulu Lakshminarasu Chetty founded the **Madras Native Association**, not the **Madras Mahajana Sabha**, so this is the official key.

(c)

(c) 2 and 3 only. Pair 2 is incorrectly matched, so this code fails.

(d)

(d) 1, 2 and 3. The Chetty-Mahajana Sabha mismatch knocks out all three.

Summary

Official key is (b) 1 and 3 only. The **British Indian Association** of 1851 had Radhakanta Deb as its first President (Debendranath **Tagore** was secretary). Surendranath Banerjee and Ananda Mohan Bose founded the **Indian Association** in 1876. Gazulu Lakshminarasu Chetty's 1852 **Madras Native Association** is not the **Madras Mahajana Sabha** of 1884 (Veeraraghavachariar, Subramania Iyer, Anandacharlu). Only pairs 1 and 3 are right.

Related possible facts

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British Indian Association

1851, Calcutta

Indian Association

1876, Banerjee and Bose

Madras Native Association

1852, G. Lakshminarasu Chetty

Madras Mahajana Sabha

1884

Landholders' Society

1838, earlier Bengal body

INC founding

1885, Bombay

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