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Q24

Consider the following statements: 1. The Factories Act, 1881 was passed with a view to fix the wages of industrial workers and to allow the workers to form trade unions. 2. N. M. Lokhande was a pioneer in organizing the labour movement in British India. Which of the above statements 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)**

(a) 1 only. The **Factories Act, 1881** dealt mainly with child labour and working hours in factories, not wage-fixing and trade-union rights. Statement 1 is false.

(b) Official key

(b) 2 only. **N. M. Lokhande** is recognised as a pioneer of the organised labour movement in Bombay Presidency. Statement 2 is correct and 1 is not. This is the official key.

(c)

(c) Both 1 and 2. The 1881 Act is misdescribed, so both fails.

(d)

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. Lokhande's pioneering role stands, so neither is wrong.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 only. **Lord Ripon's Factories Act, 1881** regulated child employment and related factory conditions; it did not fix industrial wages or legalise unions. Narayan Meghaji Lokhande organised mill workers in Bombay and is credited as an early labour leader. The 1926 **Trade Unions Act** is the later union-law landmark. Only statement 2 survives.

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Factories Act 1881

Ripon; child labour focus

Factories Act 1891

Further hours/women-child rules

N. M. Lokhande

Bombay mill-labour pioneer

Trade Unions Act

1926

First factories

1850s-70s Bombay/Calcutta mills

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1919; India a founding member

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