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For election to the Lok Sabha, a nomination paper can be filed by (a) anyone residing in India. (b) a resident of the constituency from which the election is to be contested. (c) any citizen of India whose name appears in the electoral roll of a constituency. (d) any citizen of India. Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

Anyone residing in India includes non-citizens and persons not on any electoral roll. The **Representation of the People Act** and **Article 84** require citizenship and enrolment as an **elector**. This option is not the key.

(b)

A candidate need not be a resident of the parliamentary constituency from which the poll is contested. Residence of that constituency is not the statutory test for filing a nomination. This option is therefore wrong.

(c) Official key

A nomination for Lok Sabha may be filed by a citizen of India whose name appears on the electoral roll of a constituency (and who meets age and other RPA qualifications). That is the working rule for being an **elector** eligible to contest. This option is the official key.

(d)

- **Citizenship alone is not enough:** the person must be an **elector**, that is, enrolled on a constituency roll, besides other qualifications. Bare citizenship without enrolment does not allow a valid nomination. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) any citizen of India whose name appears in the electoral roll of a constituency. **Article 84** and the **Representation of the People Act, 1951**, make enrolment as an **elector** a condition for contesting Lok Sabha. Mere residence or citizenship without being on a roll is insufficient. The candidate need not live in the seat contested. Only (c) states the nomination rule correctly.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Article 84

Qualifications for membership of Parliament

Representation of the People Act, 1951

Detailed nomination, scrutiny and election offences

Minimum age (Lok Sabha)

25 years

Elector

Person enrolled in the electoral roll of a constituency

Proposers

Nominators must themselves be electors of the constituency concerned

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