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Q47

**In the context of India, which one of the following is the correct relationship between Rights and Duties? (a) Rights are correlative with Duties. (b) Rights are personal and hence independent of society and Duties. (c) Rights, not Duties, are important for the advancement of the personality of the citizen. (d) Duties, not Rights, are important for the stability of the State.**  
**Official key: A.**

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**Explanation****(a) Official key**

(a) Rights are correlative with Duties. In civic and legal theory every right implies a duty in others (and often in the right-holder). That **correlativity** is the correct relationship in the Indian constitutional teaching of this question. This is the official key.

**(b)**

(b) Rights are personal and independent of society and Duties. Rights are social claims, not asocial. Not the key.

**(c)**

(c) Rights, not Duties, matter for personality. Duties are not discarded in the Constitution's scheme. Not the key.

**(d)**

(d) Duties, not Rights, matter for stability of the State. That one-sided formula denies **Part III**. Not the key.

**Summary**

Official key is (a) rights are correlative with duties. A right to free speech implies a duty on others and on the State not to silence it unlawfully; a right to life implies duties of non-harm. Fundamental Rights and Fundamental Duties are taught as complementary, not as a choice of one over the other. Options that isolate rights from society, or that drop either rights or duties, fail. **Article 51A** sits beside **Part III**.

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**Correlativity**

Hohfeld: right-duty pair

**Part III**

Fundamental Rights

**Part IVA**

Fundamental Duties

**Article 32**

Enforcement of rights

**Reasonable restrictions**

Articles 19(2)-(6)

**Gandhian duties**

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