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The mind of the makers of the Constitution of India is reflected in which of the following? (a) The Preamble (b) The Fundamental Rights (c) The Directive Principles of State Policy (d) The Fundamental Duties Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

(a) The Preamble. It states the objectives - justice, liberty, equality, fraternity - and the nature of the polity. Courts and textbooks treat it as the mind of the Constitution's makers. This is the official key.

(b)

(b) The Fundamental Rights. They are a vital chapter, not the single mirror of the makers' full mind. Not the key.

(c)

(c) The Directive Principles. Granville Austin called them a social-revolution chapter, still not the Preamble's encapsulating role. Not the key.

(d)

(d) The Fundamental Duties. Added in 1976, they cannot be the 1949 makers' original mind as a whole. Not the key.

Summary

Official key is (a) the Preamble. It records sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic, republic and the four justice-liberty-equality-fraternity aims. **Kesavananda Bharati** treated the Preamble as part of the Constitution and as a guide to basic structure. Fundamental Rights, DPSPs and Duties are important parts, but the question asks where the makers' mind is reflected as a whole. The **Objectives Resolution (Nehru, 1946)** is the Preamble's source neighbour.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Objectives Resolution

13 December 1946

Preamble adopted

26 November 1949 with the Constitution

Kesavananda Bharati

1973; Preamble and basic structure

Berubari

1960; earlier view Preamble not part

42nd Amendment

Socialist, Secular, Integrity

LIC of India case

Preamble as integral part

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