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The Parliament of India exercises control over the functions of the Council of Ministers through 1. Adjournment motion 2. Questions hour 3. Supplementary questions Select the correct answer using the code given below: (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 only. **Adjournment motion** is a control device, but **Question Hour** and supplementary questions are also classic parliamentary checks. 1 only is incomplete.

(b)

(b) 2 and 3 only. Dropping **adjournment motion** ignores a recognised tool against the Council of Ministers. Not the key.

(c)

(c) 1 and 3 only. **Question Hour** is the everyday control instrument. Not the key.

(d) Official key

(d) 1, 2 and 3. Parliament controls the Council of Ministers through adjournment motions, **Question Hour**, and supplementary questions (besides no-confidence, **cut motions**, and debates). All three listed devices count. This is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d) 1, 2 and 3. Collective responsibility is enforced on the floor: **Question Hour** extracts information and criticism; supplementaries follow up; an **adjournment motion** can raise a definite urgent matter and censure the government. None of the three is ornamental. **Cut motions** on demand for grants and no-confidence are neighbouring weapons. All three listed tools are genuine controls.

Related possible facts

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Question Hour

First hour of a sitting

Starred questions

Oral; supplementaries allowed

Adjournment motion

LS device; definite urgent public matter

Article 75(3)

Responsibility to Lok Sabha

Cut motions

Policy, economy, token cuts

Zero Hour

Indian innovation; not in rules originally

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