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What is the purpose of 'Vidyanjali Yojana'? 1. To enable the famous foreign educational institutions to open their campuses in India. 2. To increase the quality of education provided in government schools by taking help from the private sector and the community. 3. To encourage voluntary monetary contributions from private individuals and organizations so as to improve the infrastructure facilities for primary and secondary schools. Select the correct answer using the code given below: (a) 2 only (b) 3 only (c) 1 and 2 only (d) 2 and 3 only Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

• **Statement 2 correctly describes Vidyanjali:** volunteers from the community and private sector help improve government-school education. Statement 1 (foreign campuses) is a different FDI-in-education debate. Statement 3 emphasises voluntary money for infrastructure, whereas Vidyanjali is primarily a volunteer-service programme, not a donation window. Hence 2 only is the official key.

(b)

Option (b) is 3 only. Infrastructure donations are not the defining purpose of Vidyanjali. This option is not the key.

(c)

Option (c) is 1 and 2 only. Foreign campuses are not Vidyanjali. This option is therefore wrong.

(d)

Option (d) is 2 and 3 only. Adding the monetary-contribution aim misstates the scheme. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (a) 2 only. Vidyanjali (Ministry of Education / then HRD) invites volunteers to support government schools through teaching, activities and co-scholastic help. It is not a foreign-university campus policy and not primarily a cash-for-infrastructure fund. Only statement 2 matches. CSR and other funds exist separately.

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Vidyanjali launch

2016, Department of School Education and Literacy

Volunteers

Individuals, NRIs, organisations, retired teachers, professionals

Samagra Shiksha

Umbrella school-education scheme; Vidyanjali complements it

Foreign campuses

Later UGC/IFS regulations - a different policy track

CSR in schools

Companies Act route for money and assets, not the Vidyanjali core

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