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Q38

Which one of the following objectives is not embodied in the Preamble to the Constitution of India? (a) Liberty of thought (b) Economic liberty (c) Liberty of expression (d) Liberty of belief
Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) Liberty of thought. The Preamble expressly lists liberty of thought. This is embodied, so it is not the 'not embodied' answer.

(b) Official key

(b) Economic liberty. The Preamble names liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship - not 'economic liberty' as a phrase. That absence is the official key.

(c)

(c) Liberty of expression. Expression is in the Preamble's liberty clause. Not the key.

(d)

(d) Liberty of belief. Belief is in the Preamble. Not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) economic liberty. The Preamble's liberty cluster is thought, expression, belief, faith and worship. Justice is social, economic and political, and equality includes opportunity, but the word-pair 'economic liberty' is not used. Options (a), (c) and (d) quote the Preamble's own liberty list. **Article 19** freedoms are the neighbouring statutory-constitutional story, not this wording question.

Related possible facts

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Preamble liberty

Thought, expression, belief, faith, worship

Preamble justice

Social, economic, political

Preamble equality

Status and opportunity

42nd Amendment

Added Socialist, Secular, Integrity

Kesavananda

Preamble part of the Constitution

Article 19

Six freedoms (originally seven)

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