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With reference to the 'Quality Council of India (QCI)', consider the following statements: 1. QCI was set up jointly by the Government of India and the Indian Industry. 2. Chairman of QCI is appointed by the Prime Minister on the recommendations of the industry to the Government. Which of the above statements is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 only. QCI was set up jointly by the Government of India and Indian industry, but the PM-appointment-on-industry-recommendation statement is also treated as correct. 1 only is incomplete.

(b)

(b) 2 only. **Chair** appointment is not the only true statement. Not the key.

(c) Official key

(c) Both 1 and 2. Quality Council of India is a public-industry autonomous body; its Chairperson is appointed by the Prime Minister on industry's recommendation to the Government. This is the official key.

(d)

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. Both statements match QCI's constitution. Not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) both 1 and 2. QCI was established in 1997 as a joint initiative of the Government of India and the three industry associations (ASSOCHAM, CII, FICCI) to create an accreditation structure. The Chairperson is appointed by the Prime Minister from names recommended by industry to the Government. NABT, **NABH**, **NABL** and similar boards sit under QCI. Both statements stand.

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QCI year

1997

Industry partners

ASSOCHAM, CII, FICCI

Chair

Appointed by the Prime Minister

NABL

Lab accreditation under QCI

NABH

Hospital accreditation

Nodal ministry

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