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After the Santhal Uprising subsided, what was/were the measure/measures taken by the colonial government? 1. The territories called 'Santhal Paraganas' were created. 2. It became illegal for a Santhal to transfer land to a non-Santhal. Select the correct answer using the code given below: (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. After the **Santhal Hul** of 1855-56 the Company did carve out the Santhal Parganas as a distinct scheduled tract (Act XXXVII of 1855), with a simpler administration meant to keep the hills apart from ordinary Bengal regulation districts. Statement 1 is therefore true, but it is incomplete as a full answer because the land-alienation bar in statement 2 was also imposed. This option is not the key.

(b)

(b) 2 only. The post-revolt settlement made it illegal for a Santhal to transfer land to a non-Santhal, so that diku moneylenders and zamindars could not again swallow occupancy. Statement 2 is correct, yet the territorial creation in statement 1 is equally part of the same package. This option is not the key.

(c) Official key

(c) Both 1 and 2. The 1855 Act created the Santhal Parganas and a special tenancy regime followed, under which a Santhal could not lawfully alienate land to a non-Santhal. Both measures were colonial responses to the Hul: separate geography plus a legal fence around tribal land. This option is the official key.

(d)

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. Both listed measures were taken. Treating them as inventions would erase the actual 1855 settlement. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) Both 1 and 2. The Santhal uprising of 1855-56 was followed by a distinct Santhal Parganas district and by a ban on transfer of Santhal land to non-Santhal. Statement 1 records the territorial device; statement 2 records the tenancy fence against diku alienation. Neither measure stood alone. Options that pick only one statement or reject both miss that paired settlement. The WRAP copy therefore follows (c).

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Santhal Hul

1855-56; leaders Sidhu and Kanhu Murmu

Santhal Parganas Act

Act XXXVII of 1855 created a non-regulation tract

Damin-i-Koh

Earlier Santal settlement belt in the Rajmahal hills

Later tenancy shield

Santhal Parganas Tenancy Act, 1949 continues restrictions on transfer

Present geography

Core area now in Jharkhand's Santhal Pargana division

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