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Consider the following statements: 1. Aadhaar card can be used as a proof of citizenship or domicile. 2. Once issued, Aadhaar number cannot be deactivated or omitted by the Issuing Authority. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

(a) 1 only. **Aadhaar** is a proof of identity, not of citizenship or domicile. **UIDAI and the Aadhaar Act** are explicit on this. Statement 1 is false, so this letter is not the key.

(b)

(b) 2 only. An **Aadhaar** number can be deactivated or omitted by **UIDAI** (death, duplicate, misuse, court order). Statement 2 is false, so this is not the key.

(c)

(c) Both 1 and 2. Both statements fail, so both-correct is not the key.

(d) Official key

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. **(d) Official key: Aadhaar** is not citizenship or domicile proof, and the issuing authority can deactivate a number. Neither statement is correct.

Summary

Official key is (d) neither 1 nor 2. **Aadhaar** authenticates identity; it does not confer citizenship or domicile. **UIDAI** may deactivate or omit a number. Honour the stored letter (d).

Related possible facts

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Aadhaar Act

Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016

UIDAI

Unique Identification Authority of India

Puttaswamy (Aadhaar)

2018; Act largely upheld with limits on private use

Section 9 (Act)

Aadhaar not proof of citizenship or domicile

Deactivation

Possible for duplicate, death, or statutory grounds

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