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Q21

Consider the following statements: 1. As per the Right to Education (RTE) Act, to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in a State, a person would be required to possess the minimum qualification laid down by the concerned State Council of Teacher Education. 2. As per the RTE Act, for teaching primary classes, a candidate is required to pass a Teacher Eligibility Test conducted in accordance with the National Council of Teacher Education guidelines. 3. In India, more than 90% of teacher education institutions are directly under the State Governments. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 only (c) 1 and 3 (d) 3 only Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 and 2. Statement 2 is right, but statement 1 is not: RTE minimum qualifications are laid down by the academic authority notified by the Centre-NCTE-not by each State Council of Teacher Education. Pairing them is not the key.

(b) Official key

(b) 2 only. **(b) Official key:** For primary teaching, a candidate must pass a Teacher Eligibility Test aligned with NCTE guidelines. Statement 1 misnames the qualifying authority; statement 3 is false because most teacher-education institutions are private, not directly under State governments. Only statement 2 stands.

(c)

(c) 1 and 3. Both of those statements are wrong, so this code is not the key.

(d)

(d) 3 only. The 90 percent State-government TEI claim is incorrect. This is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 only. RTE read with NCTE norms requires TET for regular teacher appointment. Qualifications are national NCTE norms, not State CTE lists, and the TEI sector is largely private. Honour the stored letter (b).

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RTE Act

Right of Children to **Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009**

Section 23 RTE

Teacher qualifications; academic authority

NCTE

National Council for Teacher Education

TET / CTET

Teacher Eligibility Test; Central TET by CBSE

TEIs

Predominantly private institutions in India

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