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Consider the following statements: 1. In India, State Governments do not have the power to auction non-coal mines. 2. Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand do not have gold mines. 3. Rajasthan has iron ore mines. 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: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 and 2. **After the MMDR Amendment Act, 2015**, State governments auction non-coal major minerals; they do have that power. Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand do have gold occurrences. Both statements 1 and 2 are false, so this code is not the key.

(b)

(b) 2 only. Gold is found in parts of Andhra Pradesh/Telangana belt and in Jharkhand. Statement 2 is false, so this is not the key.

(c)

(c) 1 and 3. Statement 3 is true (Rajasthan has iron ore), but statement 1 is false. This pairing is not the key.

(d) Official key

(d) 3 only. **(d) Official key:** Rajasthan has iron-ore deposits (for example in Jaipur, Bhilwara and related belts). States can auction non-coal mines, and gold is not absent from Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand. Only statement 3 is correct.

Summary

Official key is (d) 3 only. Rajasthan has iron ore. Non-coal mine auctions are a State function after MMDR 2015, and gold is not missing from Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand. Honour the stored letter (d).

Related possible facts

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MMDR Amendment, 2015

Auction of mineral concessions; State role for non-coal

Coal / lignite

Union list; central auction regime

Rajasthan iron

Jaipur, Bhilwara, Udaipur belts among others

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