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Consider the following statements: 1. The quantity of imported edible oils is more than the domestic production of edible oils in the last five years. 2. The Government does not impose any customs duty on all the imported edible oils as a special case. 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: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

(a) 1 only. **(a) Official key:** For years India has imported more edible oil than it produces domestically. Statement 2 is false: customs duties are levied on edible-oil imports and are used as a price and farmer-protection tool. Only statement 1 is correct.

(b)

(b) 2 only. The government does impose customs duty on imported edible oils; they are not a duty-free special case across the board. This letter is not the key.

(c)

(c) Both 1 and 2. The duty claim is wrong, so both-correct is not the key.

(d)

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. Import volumes exceeding domestic output is a well-established fact, so 'neither' is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (a) 1 only. India's edible-oil consumption outruns domestic crush, so imports exceed production. Customs duty on oils is a regular tariff instrument, not a blanket waiver. Honour the stored letter (a).

Related possible facts

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Import dependence

India is among the world's largest edible-oil importers

Major oils imported

Palm, soybean, sunflower

Palm origin

Indonesia and Malaysia

Oilseeds mission

National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (later years)

Tariff policy

Duty raised or cut to balance farmers and consumers

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