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Q11

He wrote biographies of Mazzini, Garibaldi, Shivaji and Shrikrishna; stayed in America for some time; and was also elected to the Central Assembly. He was (a) Aurobindo Ghosh (b) Bipin Chandra Pal (c) Lala Lajpat Rai (d) Motilal Nehru Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

(a) **Aurobindo** Ghosh. He was a revolutionary, yogi and theorist of Poorna Swaraj, not the author of those Mazzini-Garibaldi-Shivaji-Krishna biographies who sat in the Central Assembly after a US sojourn. This letter is not the key.

(b)

(b) Bipin Chandra Pal. Pal was a Lal-Bal-Pal extremist orator. The biographical set, American stay and Central Assembly membership fit **Lala Lajpat Rai**, not Pal, so this is not the key.

(c) Official key

(c) **Lala Lajpat Rai**. **(c) Official key:** Rai wrote on Mazzini, Garibaldi, Shivaji and Shrikrishna, lived in the United States for a period, and was elected to the Central Legislative Assembly. That cluster matches the stem and the stored key.

(d)

(d) Motilal **Nehru**. Motilal led the Swaraj Party and chaired the **Nehru** Report; he is not the Punjab leader of those biographies. This is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) **Lala Lajpat Rai**. The Punjab leader authored those nationalist biographies, spent time in America, and sat in the Central Assembly. **Aurobindo**, Bipin Pal and Motilal **Nehru** fail the same cluster of facts. Honour the stored letter (c).

Related possible facts

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Lala Lajpat Rai

Punjab; Lal-Bal-Pal; 'Punjab Kesari'

Unhappy India

His reply to Katherine Mayo's Mother India

Simon Commission protest

Lathi charge at Lahore, 1928; died of injuries

Servants of the People Society

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