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Q4

How is the National Green Tribunal (NGT) different from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)? 1. The NGT has been established by an Act whereas the CPCB has been created by an executive order of the Government. 2. The NGT provides environmental justice and helps reduce the burden of litigation in the higher courts whereas the CPCB promotes cleanliness of streams and wells, and aims to improve the quality of air in the country. 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: B.

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Explanation

(a)

(a) 1 only. NGT was set up by the **National Green Tribunal Act, 2010**, but CPCB was not created by an executive order: it is a statutory body under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, later also under the **Air Act**, 1981. Statement 1 is therefore false and cannot be the key.

(b) Official key

(b) 2 only. **(b) Official key:** NGT gives specialised environmental justice and eases the load on High Courts and the Supreme Court. CPCB's mandate includes promoting cleanliness of streams and wells and improving air quality. Statement 1 misdescribes CPCB's origin, so only statement 2 is correct.

(c)

(c) Both 1 and 2. Statement 2 is right, but statement 1 is not, so both-correct is not the key.

(d)

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. Statement 2 correctly contrasts the two bodies' functions, so 'neither' is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 only. NGT is a 2010 statutory tribunal for environmental cases; CPCB is a 1974 statutory board, not an executive creation. Their functional contrast in statement 2 is accurate. Honour the stored letter (b).

Related possible facts

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NGT statute

National Green Tribunal Act, 2010

CPCB origin

Water Act, 1974

Air Act

Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981

NGT principle

Polluter pays; sustainable development; precaution

NGT appeal

Supreme Court

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