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Q19

Regarding Wood's Dispatch, which of the following statements are true? 1. Grants-in-Aid system was introduced. 2. Establishment of universities was recommended. 3. English as a medium of instruction at all levels of education was recommended. Select the correct answer using the code given below: (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

(a) 1 and 2 only. **(a) Official key:** Wood's Despatch (1854) introduced grants-in-aid and recommended universities at Calcutta, Bombay and Madras (1857). It did not recommend English as the medium at all levels: vernaculars at the primary stage and English at higher stages. Statements 1 and 2 only are correct.

(b)

(b) 2 and 3 only. Universities were recommended, but English at every level was not. Statement 3 is false, so this code is not the key.

(c)

(c) 1 and 3 only. Grants-in-aid is right; all-level English is not. This is not the key.

(d)

(d) 1, 2 and 3. Statement 3 fails, so the all-correct code is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (a) 1 and 2 only. Charles Wood's 1854 Despatch is called the Magna Carta of English education in India: grants-in-aid and affiliating universities. Medium was vernacular below and English above, not English everywhere. Honour the stored letter (a).

Related possible facts

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Wood's Despatch

1854; Sir Charles Wood

Universities of 1857

Calcutta, Bombay, Madras

Grants-in-aid

Public aid to private schools meeting norms

Downward filtration

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Hunter Commission

1882; later review of education

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