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Q17

The identity platform 'Aadhaar' provides open "Application Programming Interfaces (APIs)". What does it imply? 1. It can be integrated into any electronic device. 2. Online authentication using iris is possible. 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: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 only. Open APIs do allow Aadhaar authentication to be built into devices and applications, but statement 2 is also true: iris is an Aadhaar biometric and can be used online where devices support it. Stopping at 1 only is incomplete.

(b)

(b) 2 only. Iris authentication is possible, yet the API implication is broader than iris alone. Isolating statement 2 misses statement 1, so this is not the key.

(c) Official key

(c) Both 1 and 2. **(c) Official key:** UIDAI published open APIs so Aadhaar can be integrated into electronic devices and services, including biometric modes such as iris. Both statements follow from that platform design.

(d)

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. Both implications are real, so 'neither' is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) both 1 and 2. Aadhaar's open APIs let developers embed authentication in devices and apps. Online iris authentication is a supported biometric mode alongside fingerprint and OTP. Honour the stored letter (c).

Related possible facts

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Aadhaar biometrics

Fingerprints, iris, face (later)

Yes/No authentication

UIDAI returns match, not demographic dump, in basic auth

e-KYC

Resident-consent based demographic share

AUA / KUA

Authentication / e-KYC user agencies

Virtual ID

Temporary number to limit Aadhaar exposure

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