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Which of the following led to the introduction of English Education in India? 1. Charter Act of 1813 2. General Committee of Public Instruction, 1823 3. Orientalist and Anglicist Controversy Select the correct answer using the code given below: (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
Official key: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 and 2 only. The **Charter Act of 1813** (education clause) and the **General Committee of Public Instruction (1823)** did open the English-education path, but the Orientalist-Anglicist controversy (Macaulay, 1835) was the third decisive episode. Dropping 3 is incomplete. This option is not the key.

(b)

(b) 2 only. The 1823 Committee mattered, yet 1813's lakh of rupees and the 1835 controversy also led to English as the medium of higher instruction. This option is not the key.

(c)

(c) 1 and 3 only. Both are genuine steps, but omitting the 1823 Committee under-counts the official machinery. This option is not the key.

(d) Official key

(d) 1, 2 and 3. Charter 1813 authorised Company spend on education; the 1823 Committee ran the grant; the Orientalist-Anglicist clash ended with Macaulay's Minute and Bentinck's 1835 resolution for English. All three led to English education. This option is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d) 1, 2 and 3. English education in colonial India was not a single act. The 1813 Charter created a fund, the 1823 **General Committee** administered instruction, and the Orientalist-Anglicist controversy decided the language of higher teaching in favour of English. None of the three can be dropped. The Set A key is therefore all three.

Related possible facts

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Charter Act 1813

Section 43: one lakh rupees for education/literature

GCPI 1823

General Committee of Public Instruction, Calcutta

Macaulay's Minute

2 February 1835; Anglicist victory

English Education Act / Bentinck 1835

Governor-General's resolution for English medium

Wood's Despatch 1854

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