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With reference to educational institutions during colonial rule in India, consider the following pairs: Institution - Founder 1. Sanskrit College at Benaras - William Jones 2. Calcutta Madarsa - Warren Hastings 3. Fort William College - Arthur Wellesley Which of the pairs given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 only (c) 1 and 3 (d) 3 only Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 and 2. Pair 2 is right-Calcutta Madrasa (1781) was founded by Warren Hastings-but pair 1 is wrong: the Sanskrit College at Benares (1791) was Jonathan Duncan's project, not Sir William Jones's (Asiatic Society, 1784). This option is not the key.

(b) Official key

(b) 2 only. Only Hastings-Calcutta Madrasa is correctly paired. Jones did not found Benares Sanskrit College; Fort William College (1800) was Lord Wellesley (Richard Colley Wellesley), not Arthur Wellesley. This option is the official key.

(c)

(c) 1 and 3. Both remaining pairs mis-name the founder. This option is not the key.

(d)

(d) 3 only. Arthur Wellesley (the later Duke of Wellington) did not found Fort William College. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 only. Warren Hastings founded the Calcutta Madrasa in 1781. William Jones founded the Asiatic Society, not the Benares Sanskrit College (Jonathan Duncan, 1791). Fort William College was set up by Governor-General Lord Wellesley in 1800, not by his brother Arthur. Only pair 2 is therefore correct.

Related possible facts

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Calcutta Madrasa

1781; Warren Hastings

Sanskrit College, Benares

1791; Jonathan Duncan

Asiatic Society

1784; Sir William Jones, Calcutta

Fort William College

1800; Lord Wellesley, for civil-service language training

Arthur Wellesley

Military commander; later Duke of Wellington-not the College's founder

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