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With reference to the election of the President of India, consider the following statements: 1. The value of the vote of each MLA varies from State to State. 2. The value of the vote of MPs of the Lok Sabha is more than the value of the vote of MPs of the Rajya Sabha. 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: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

(a) 1 only. **(a) Official key:** In the presidential electoral college, each MLA's vote value is State population divided by the number of elected MLAs (scaled by 1000), so it varies from State to State. Every elected MP, whether Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha, has the same vote value. Statement 2 is therefore false. Only statement 1 is correct.

(b)

(b) 2 only. Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha MPs do not have different vote values in the presidential election. This letter is not the key.

(c)

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

(d)

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. MLA values do vary by State, so 'neither' is not the key.

Summary

• **Official key is (a) 1 only. Article 55 equalises the State-Union weight:** MLA values differ with population and assembly size; MP values are uniform across both Houses. Honour the stored letter (a).

Related possible facts

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Article 55

Manner of presidential election

MLA vote value

State population / elected MLAs, then $\times 1/1000$

MP vote value

Total MLA vote values / total elected MPs

Proportional representation

Single transferable vote

Nominated members

Do not vote in the presidential election

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