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Which one of the following suggested that the Governor should be an imminent person from outside the State and should be a detached figure without intense political links or should not have taken part in politics in the recent past? (a) First Administrative Reforms Commission (1966) (b) Rajamannar Committee (1969) (c) Sarkaria Commission (1983) (d) National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution (2000) Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) **First Administrative Reforms Commission (1966)** dealt with Centre-State machinery in a different frame. The eminent-outsider, detached-Governor formula is not its tagged line, so this is not the key.

(b)

(b) **Rajamannar Committee (1969)** was a Tamil Nadu committee on Centre-State relations. It is not the source UPSC keyed for this Governor profile, so it is not the key.

(c) Official key

(c) **Sarkaria Commission (1983)** recommended that the Governor should be an eminent person from outside the State, a detached figure without intense political links, and should not have taken part in politics in the recent past. That is the official key. (The paper's word "imminent" is the printed stem for eminent.)

(d)

(d) **National Commission to Review the Working of the Constitution (2000)** revisited many issues but is not the commission named for this classic Governor test. Not the key.

Summary

- **Official key is (c). Sarkaria Commission set the still-cited tests for choosing a Governor:** eminent, from outside the State, detached, without recent intense politics. ARC-I, Rajamannar and NCRWC are other reports. Honour (c).

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Sarkaria Commission

1983; report 1987-88; Centre-State relations

Punchhi Commission

2007; later review of Centre-State relations

Article 155

Governor appointed by the President

Article 156

Pleasure of the President; five-year term

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