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Q13

Consider the following statements: 1. The Constitution of India defines its structure in terms of federalism, secularism, fundamental rights and democracy. 2. The Constitution of India provides for 'Judicial review' to safeguard the citizens' liberties and to preserve the ideals on which the Constitution is based. 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: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

1 only. The Constitution does not 'define its structure' in those four labels as statement 1 claims.

(b)

2 only. Judicial review exists, but the paper does not key this wording as a correct statement.

(c)

Both. Both limbs fail as keyed.

(d) Official key

Neither. Statement 1 over-claims a definitional clause. Statement 2's packaging of judicial review is not counted correct on this item.

Summary

Official key is (d) neither. The Constitution is not drafted as a definition of 'federalism, secularism, FRs and democracy' in those words. Judicial review is real, but the statement as framed is not keyed. Honour the overlay: both fail.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Basic structure

Kesavananda - a judicial reading, not a definitional article.

Articles 13, 32, 226

The review machinery.

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