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Q15

In the context of India, which one of the following is the characteristic appropriate for bureaucracy? (a) An agency for widening the scope of parliamentary democracy (b) An agency for strengthening the structure of federalism (c) An agency for facilitating political stability and economic growth (d) An Agency for the implementation of public policy Official key: D.

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Indian Constitution, polity, rights, governance - Prelims GS Paper I.

Explanation

(a)

Widening parliamentary democracy. A political, not bureaucratic, job.

(b)

Strengthening federalism. Courts and lists do more of that.

(c)

Political stability and growth. Outcomes, not the defining task.

(d) Official key

• **Implementation of public policy. Weber:** the permanent executive carries out what the political executive decides.

Summary

Official key is (d). Bureaucracy's appropriate characteristic here is as the agency that implements public policy - not as the engine of democracy, federalism or growth.

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Sardar Patel on the All-India Services.

Article 312

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