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Q21

With reference to the history of India, consider the following pairs: 1. Aurang - In-charge of treasury of the State 2. Banian - Indian agent of the East India Company 3. Mirasidar - Designated revenue payer to the State Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

1 and 2 only. **Aurang** is a workshop / godown for goods, not the State treasury.

(b) Official key

2 and 3 only. Banian: Indian broker of the Company. Mirasidar: hereditary revenue payer in the south. **Aurang** is mis-paired.

(c)

3 only. Under-counts the banian.

(d)

All three. Pair 1 fails.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 and 3 only. A banian was the Company's Indian agent. A mirasidar was a designated revenue payer. An **aurang** was a depot/workshop (textiles, saltpetre), not the treasury.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Aurang

Mughal/Company warehouse and work-yard.

Mirasidars

Tamil/Andhra wet-zone hereditary ryots.

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