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With reference to the religious history of India, consider the following statements: 1. Sthaviravadins belong to Mahayana Buddhism. 2. Lokottaravadin sect was an offshoot of Mahasanghika sect of Buddhism. 3. The deification of Buddha by Mahasanghikas fostered the Mahayana Buddhism. Which of the statements given above is/are Correct? (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. Sthaviravadins are the elder/Theravada stream, not Mahayana.

(b) Official key

2 and 3 only. Lokottaravadins branched from Mahasanghika; Mahasanghika deification of the Buddha fed Mahayana. Statement 1 fails.

(c)

3 only. Under-counts Lokottaravada.

(d)

All three. Statement 1 fails.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 and 3 only. Sthaviravada is the conservative 'elders' school (Pali Theravada), not Mahayana. Lokottaravada is a Mahasanghika offshoot. Mahasanghika Buddha-deification is a root of Mahayana.

Related possible facts

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Mahasanghika

Split after Vaishali; more liberal vinaya.

Lokottaravada

Supermundane Buddha; a Mahasanghika branch.

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