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Consider the following statements 1. St. Francis Xavier was one of the founding members of the Jesuit Order. 2. St. Francis Xavier died in Goa and a church is dedicated to him there. 3. The Feast of St. Francis Xavier is celebrated in Goa each year. Which of the statements given above are correct? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

1 and 2 only. He died on Shangchuan Island, not in Goa; relics later in Bom Jesus.

(b)

2 and 3 only. He was among Ignatius's first companions. Death-in-Goa is false.

(c) Official key

1 and 3 only. Founding Jesuit; feast celebrated in Goa. He did not die in Goa.

(d)

All three. Place of death is the miss.

Summary

Official key is (c) 1 and 3 only. Francis Xavier was a founding Jesuit. Goa keeps his feast and relics. He died off the China coast (Shangchuan), not in Goa.

Related possible facts

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Society of Jesus

1540; Ignatius, Xavier and the first companions.

Basilica of Bom Jesus

Old Goa; Xavier's relics.

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