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Consider the following statements : 1. The Montagu-Chelmsford Reforms of 1919 recommended granting voting rights to all the women above the age of 21. 2. The Government of India Act of 1935 gave women reserved seats in legislature. 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: B.

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Explanation

(a)

1 only. 1919 did not give all women over 21 the vote; franchise was narrow and property-tilted.

(b) Official key

2 only. The 1935 Act provided reserved seats for women in legislatures.

(c)

Both. Statement 1 fails.

(d)

Neither. Reserved seats for women are in the 1935 scheme.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 only. Montagu-Chelmsford did not create universal female suffrage at 21. The **Government of India Act, 1935** reserved legislative seats for women.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

GoI Act, 1935

Provincial autonomy; separate electorates; women's reserved seats.

1919 franchise

Tiny; tax/property/education; some women after 1921 reforms.

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