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Consider the following statements in respect of Bharat Ratna and Padma Awards: 1. Bharat Ratna and Padma Awards are titles under the Article 18(1) of the Constitution of India. 2. Padma Awards, which were instituted in the year 1954, were suspended only once. 3. The number of Bharat Ratna Awards is restricted to a maximum of five in a particular year. Which of the above statements are not correct? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

1 and 2 only. Statement 3 is also not correct (cap is three, not five).

(b)

2 and 3 only. Statement 1 is also not correct - they are not 'titles' under 18(1).

(c)

1 and 3 only. Padma awards were suspended more than once.

(d) Official key

1, 2 and 3. All three statements are not correct - the question asks for the not-correct set.

Summary

Official key is (d) 1, 2 and 3 (none of the statements is correct). Bharat Ratna and Padma awards are not titles under **Article 18(1) (Balaji Raghavan)**. Padma awards were suspended more than once. Bharat Ratna is ordinarily capped at three a year, not five.

Related possible facts

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Article 18

Abolition of titles; national awards survived judicial test.

Bharat Ratna cap

Generally three in a year; Padma numbers are separately notified.

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