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What was the exact constitutional status of India on 26th January, 1950? (a) A democratic Republic (b) A Sovereign Democratic Republic (c) A Sovereign Secular Democratic Republic (d) A Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic
Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

A democratic Republic. Misses 'Sovereign' as on 26 January 1950.

(b) Official key

A Sovereign Democratic Republic. The **original Preamble** words that day.

(c)

Sovereign Secular Democratic. 'Secular' and 'Socialist' arrive with the **42nd Amendment**, 1976.

(d)

Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic. The post-1976 Preamble.

Summary

Official key is (b). On 26 January 1950 India was a Sovereign Democratic Republic. Socialist and Secular were added to the Preamble in 1976.

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Original Preamble

Sovereign Democratic Republic.

42nd Amendment

Socialist, Secular, Integrity.

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