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Which one of the following best defines the term 'State? (a) A community of persons permanently occupying a definite territory independent of external control and possessing an organized government (b) A politically organized people of a definite territory and possessing an authority to govern them, maintain law and order, protect their natural rights and safeguard their means of sustenance (c) A number of persons who have been living in a definite territory for a very long time with their own culture, tradition and government (d) A society permanently living in a definite territory with a central authority, an executive responsible to the central authority and an independent judiciary
Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

People + territory + government + sovereignty (independent of external control). The textbook four-element State.

(b)

Adds natural rights and sustenance - a political-theory overlay, not the spare definition.

(c)

Culture and tradition without sovereignty.

(d)

Requires an independent judiciary - a liberal constitution, not every State.

Summary

Official key is (a). In political science a State is a permanent community on a definite territory, with an organised government, independent of external control. Extra talk of natural rights or an independent judiciary is not that definition.

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Population, territory, government, capacity to enter relations.

Nation vs State

Culture vs sovereign organisation.

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