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Which one of the following in Indian polity is an essential feature that indicates that it is federal in character? (a) The independence of judiciary is safeguarded. (b) The Union Legislature has elected representatives from constituent units. (c) The Union Cabinet can have elected representatives from regional parties. (d) The Fundamental Rights are enforceable by Courts of Law. Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

Independence of the judiciary. An independent court that can umpire Centre-State and federal lists is the keyed federal marker among these four.

(b)

Union Legislature with members from units. True of many unions; not the distinctive essential as keyed here.

(c)

Regional parties in the Cabinet. A coalition fact, not a federal essential.

(d)

Justiciable Fundamental Rights. A rights feature of unitary and federal states alike.

Summary

Official key is (a). Among the options, a safeguarded independent judiciary is the federal essential - it polices the division of powers. FR enforcement, regional ministers and a composite House are not that test.

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