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Who among the following was associated as Secretary with Hindu Female School which later came to be known as Bethune Female School? (a) Annie Besant (b) Debendranath Tagore (c) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar (d) Sarojini Naidu Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

Annie Besant. Later; Central Hindu College, not Bethune secretary.

(b)

Debendranath Tagore. Brahmo leader; not this school's secretary.

(c) Official key

Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar. Secretary of the Hindu Female School / Bethune School.

(d)

Sarojini Naidu. A later generation.

Summary

Official key is (c) Vidyasagar. He served as secretary of John Bethune's Hindu Female School, later Bethune School/College, Calcutta.

Related possible facts

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Bethune School

1849; Calcutta; a landmark in women's education.

Vidyasagar

Widow remarriage, girls' education, Bengali prose.

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