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Consider the following statements: 1. A bill amending the Constitution requires a prior recommendation of the President of India. 2. When a Constitution Amendment Bill is presented to the President of India, it is obligatory for the President of India to give his/her assent. 3. A Constitution Amendment Bill must be passed by both the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha by a special majority and there is no provision for joint sitting. Which of the statements given above are correct? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

1 and 2 only. A Constitution Amendment Bill does not need prior Presidential recommendation as a Money Bill does.

(b) Official key

2 and 3 only. After **24th Amendment / Article 368(2)**, assent is obligatory. Special majority in each House; no joint sitting.

(c)

1 and 3 only. Prior recommendation is the miss.

(d)

All three. Statement 1 is false.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 and 3 only. Constitution Amendment Bills are not Money Bills: no prior Presidential recommendation. Once passed, the President shall give assent (**Article 368**). Each House must pass by special majority; **Article 108** joint sitting does not apply.

Related possible facts

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Article 368

Amendment procedure; special majority; some Bills need State ratification.

24th Amendment

Made Presidential assent to CABs obligatory.

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