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Q17

Consider the following statements: 1. Attorney General of India and Solicitor General of India are the only officers of the Government who are allowed to participate in the meetings of the Parliament of India. 2. According to the Constitution of India, the Attorney General of India submits his resignation when the Government which appointed him resigns. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Official key: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

1 only. Solicitor General is statutory, not a parliamentary right-holder like the AG. Other officers can be invited.

(b)

2 only. The AG holds office during the President's pleasure; resignation with the ministry is convention, not a constitutional must.

(c)

Both. Both over-claim.

(d) Official key

Neither. Only the Attorney-General has a constitutional right to speak in Parliament (no vote). SG is not in that sentence. AG tenure is pleasure, not automatic with the government's fall.

Summary

- **Official key is (d) neither.** **Article 88:** the Attorney-General may take part in parliamentary proceedings without a vote. The **Solicitor-General** is not given that constitutional seat. The AG does not constitutionally demit office the day the appointing government falls.

Related possible facts

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Article 76

Attorney-General; pleasure of the President.

Solicitor-General

Created by executive/statutory practice; assists the AG.

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