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With reference to Indian history, consider the following statements: 1. The Dutch established their factories/warehouses on the east coast on lands granted to them by Gajapati rulers. 2. Alfonso de Albuquerque captured Goa from the Bijapur Sultanate. 3. The English East India Company established a factory at Madras on a plot of land leased from a representative of the Vijayanagara empire. 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. Dutch factories on the east coast were not grants of the Gajapatis as the opening fact.

(b) Official key

2 and 3 only. Albuquerque took Goa from Bijapur (1510). Madras was leased from a Vijayanagara (Chandragiri) representative. Statement 1 fails.

(c)

1 and 3 only. Statement 1 is the miss.

(d)

All three. Gajapati timing for Dutch Coromandel does not hold.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 and 3 only. Afonso de Albuquerque seized Goa from the Adil Shahis of Bijapur. Fort St George / Madras rose on land from the Chandragiri / Vijayanagara side. Dutch Coromandel was not a Gajapati land grant as stated.

Related possible facts

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Goa, 1510

Albuquerque; Bijapur's Adil Shahi.

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Madraspatnam lease; 1639-40.

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