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With reference to Indian history, consider the following statements: 1. The first Mongol invasion of India happened during the reign of Jalal-ud-din Khalji. 2. During the reign of Ala-ud-din Khalji, one Mongol assault marched up to Delhi and besieged the city. 3. Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq temporarily lost portions of north-west of his kingdom to Mongols. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 only (c) 1 and 3 (d) 3 only Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

1 and 2. The first Mongol inroads into India predate Jalal-ud-din Khalji (Iltutmish's time).

(b) Official key

2 only. Alauddin Khalji faced a Mongol host that reached and besieged Delhi. Statements 1 and 3 do not hold as framed.

(c)

1 and 3. Both over-date or over-claim.

(d)

3 only. Tughluq did not 'temporarily lose the north-west to Mongols' as a standard fact here.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 only. Mongol pressure on the north-west began under the early Delhi Sultans, not first under Jalal-ud-din. In Alauddin's reign Qutlugh Khwaja's army came up to Delhi. Muhammad bin Tughluq's north-west story is not keyed as a Mongol occupation in this item.

Related possible facts

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Qutlugh Khwaja

1299; Mongol siege scare at Delhi under Alauddin.

Iltutmish

Faced Mongol threat after Chinggis's chase of Jalal-ud-din Mingburnu.

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