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Q54

**With reference to the proposals of Cripps Mission, consider the following statements: 1. The Constituent Assembly would have members nominated by the Provincial Assemblies as well as the Princely States. 2. Any Province, which is not prepared to accept the new Constitution would have the right to sign a separate agreement with Britain regarding its future status. 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: B.**

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**Explanation**

**(a)**

1 only. Provincial members of the proposed CA were to be elected, not nominated by Assemblies; States would nominate.

**(b) Official key**

2 only. A province unwilling to join could negotiate a separate arrangement with Britain - the Cripps **opt-out**.

**(c)**

Both. Statement 1 misstates election vs nomination.

**(d)**

Neither. The **opt-out** limb is the Cripps offer.

**Summary**

- **Official key is (b) 2 only. Cripps (1942):** an Indian union after the war; provinces could stay out and deal separately with Britain. Constituent Assembly seats from provinces were to be elected by provincial assemblies, not nominated; princely seats were the nominated slice.

**Related possible facts**

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

**Cripps Mission**

March 1942; Stafford Cripps; Congress and League rejected it.

**Opt-out**

The clause that later fed Pakistan-talk in British offers.

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