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Consider the following statements: 1. If the election of the President of India is declared void by the Supreme Court of India, all acts done by him/her in the performance of duties of his/her office of President before the date of decision become invalid. 2. Election for the post of the President of India can be postponed on the ground that some Legislative Assemblies have been dissolved and elections are yet to take place. 3. When a Bill is presented to the President of India, the Constitution prescribes time limits within which he/she has to declare his/her assent. How many of the above statements are correct? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

Only one. All three statements are false.

(b)

Only two. None holds.

(c)

All three. Acts in office stay valid; election is not postponed for dissolved Houses; no assent clock.

(d) Official key

None. Void election does not unwind past acts (**Article 71**). Dissolved Assemblies do not stall the poll. The President has no constitutional time limit to assent.

Summary

- **Official key is (d) none.** **Article 71:** acts of a person as President remain valid even if the election is later void. The presidential poll is not postponed merely because some Assemblies are dissolved. Assent under **Article 111** has no stated deadline.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Article 71

Supreme Court decides Presidential/VP election disputes; prior acts protected.

Article 111

Assent, withhold, or return (except money bills); no time bar.

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