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Consider the following statements in respect of election to the President of India: 1. The members nominated to either House of the Parliament or the Legislative Assemblies of States are also eligible to be included in the Electoral College. 2. Higher the number of elective Assembly seats, higher is the value of vote of each MLA of that State. 3. The value of vote of each MLA of Madhya Pradesh is greater than that of Kerala. 4. The value of vote of each MLA of Puducherry is higher than that of Arunachal Pradesh because the ratio of total population to total number of elective seats in Puducherry is greater as compared to Arunachal Pradesh. How many of the above statements are correct? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) All four Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

Only one. Nominated members are out of the Electoral College. More Assembly seats do not raise each MLA's vote value. **Madhya Pradesh vs Kerala** is not the keyed comparison. Puducherry's MLA vote value exceeds Arunachal's because of the population-to-seats ratio.

(b)

Only two. Only one of the four sentences is right.

(c)

All three. The option does not match four statements; only one holds.

(d)

All four. Nominated MPs/MLAs do not vote.

Summary

Official key is (a) only one. Nominated members of Parliament or State Assemblies are not in the presidential Electoral College. An MLA's vote value is $\text{population} \div \text{elected seats} \times \text{a multiplier}$ - more seats can lower, not raise, the value. The one correct limb is the Puducherry-Arunachal comparison on that ratio.

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Article 54

Electoral College: elected MPs plus elected MLAs of States (and Delhi, Puducherry).

Vote value of an MLA

Population (1971, as frozen) $\div$ elected Assembly seats $\times$ 1000.

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