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Consider the following statements: * Statement-I: In India, prisons are managed by State Governments with their own rules and regulations for the day- to-day administration of prisons. Statement-II: In India, prisons are governed by the Prisons Act, 1894 which expressly kept the subject of prisons in the control of Provincial Governments. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements? (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement- II is the correct explanation for Statement-I (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement- II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement- II is incorrect (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

Both correct and II explains I. Prisons are a State subject; the 1894 Act left them with the provinces, which is why States run them today.

(b)

Both correct but II does not explain I. The colonial Act is exactly why States still hold the file.

(c)

I correct, II incorrect. The **Prisons Act, 1894** is still the parent statute in many States.

(d)

I incorrect, II correct. Day-to-day prison administration is a State function.

Summary

Official key is (a). Prisons are in the State List. The **Prisons Act, 1894** expressly left prisons to Provincial Governments. That history is why States write their own rules for daily administration. II explains I.

Related possible facts

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State List entry 4

Prisons, reformatories, borstal institutions.

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