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With reference to India, Consider the following pairs : Action The Act under Which it is covered

1. Unauthorized wearing of police or military uniforms : The Official Secrets Act, 1923
2. Knowingly misleading or otherwise interfering with a police officer or military officer when engaged in their duties : The Indian Evidence Act, 1872
3. Celebratory gunfire which can endanger the personal safety of others : The Arms (Amendment) Act, 2019

How many of the above pairs are correctly matched ? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None

Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

Only one. Two of the three Act-tags hold.

(b) Official key

Only two. Unauthorised police/military uniform is an **Official Secrets Act** offence. Celebratory gunfire sits in the **Arms (Amendment) Act, 2019**. Misleading a police officer is not an **Indian Evidence Act** head.

(c)

All three. Pair 2 is the mismatch.

(d)

None. Two matches stand.

Summary

Official key is (b) only two. The **Official Secrets Act, 1923**, punishes unauthorised wearing of police or military uniforms. The **Arms (Amendment) Act, 2019**, covers celebratory firing that endangers others. The **Indian Evidence Act** does not create the 'misleading an officer' offence named in pair 2.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Official Secrets Act, 1923

Espionage, wrongful communication, and related uniform offences.

Arms (Amendment) Act, 2019

Celebratory gunfire as a distinct offence.

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