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A Writ of Prohibition is an order issued by the Supreme Court or High Courts to : (a) a government officer prohibiting him from taking a particular action. (b) the Parliament/ Legislative Assembly to pass a law on Prohibition. (c) the lower court prohibiting continuation of proceedings in a case. (d) the Government prohibiting it from following an unconstitutional policy. Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

A government officer. That is closer to **prohibition** in administrative speech, not the writ.

(b)

Parliament / Assembly to pass a **prohibition** law. The writ does not command legislation.

(c) Official key

A lower court, stopping it from continuing proceedings beyond its jurisdiction.

(d)

The Government on an unconstitutional policy. That is not the classic writ of **prohibition**.

Summary

Official key is (c). A writ of **prohibition** issues from a superior court to an inferior court or tribunal, forbidding it from continuing proceedings that exceed jurisdiction. It is not an order to an executive officer, to a legislature, or a general policy freeze.

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Prohibition

Stops a lower court mid-way; issued before the order is made.

Certiorari

Quashes an order already passed by a lower court or tribunal.

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