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With reference to the Government of India Act, 1935, consider the following statements : 1. It provided for the establishment of an All India Federation based on the union of the British Indian Provinces and Princely States. 2. Defence and Foreign Affairs were kept under the control of the federal legislature. Which of the statements given above is/are correct ? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

1 only. The Act provided for an All-India Federation of Provinces and acceding Princely States.

(b)

2 only. Defence and external affairs were not under the federal legislature.

(c)

- **Both. Statement 2 fails:** those subjects stayed with the Governor-General.

(d)

Neither. Statement 1 is the correctly keyed limb.

Summary

Official key is (a) 1 only. The **Government of India Act, 1935** designed a federation of British Indian Provinces and those Princely States that acceded. Defence and foreign affairs were Governor-General's reserved responsibilities, not federal-legislature subjects. So 2 is false.

Related possible facts

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Government of India Act, 1935

Provincial autonomy; proposed All-India Federation that never fully came into being.

Reserved subjects

Defence, ecclesiastical affairs and external affairs remained with the Governor-General.

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