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Q11

**Consider the following statements about Raja Ram Mohan Roy: I. He possessed great love and respect for the traditional philosophical systems of the East. II. He desired his countrymen to accept the rational and scientific approach and the principle of human dignity and social equality of all men and women. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) I only (b) II only (c) Both I and II (d) Neither I nor II Official key: C.**

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Ancient, medieval and modern Indian history - Prelims GS Paper I.

**Explanation**

**(a)**

I only. That drops Roy's rational-equality programme, which is keyed.

**(b)**

II only. That drops his engagement with Eastern thought, which is also keyed.

**(c) Official key**

Both I and II. He respected Eastern philosophical systems and wanted reason, science, dignity and equality for men and women.

**(d)**

Neither. Both lines are scored.

**Summary**

Official Set A key is (c) both. **Raja Rammohan Roy** worked inside Indian philosophical language (Vedanta, the Upanishads) even as he attacked sati and social inequality. He also wanted countrymen to take up reason, science and equal dignity. I and II are both correct on this paper; it is not II-only.

**Related possible facts**

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

**Raja Rammohan Roy (1772-1833)**

Atmiya Sabha, later Brahmo Sabha/Samaj. Sati regulation 1829 sits next to his name.

**Precepts of Jesus (1820)**

Roy's reading of the moral gospel, minus miracle - the rational-religion file.

**Tuhfat-ul-Muwahhidin**

Early Persian essay on monotheism. Often paired with his Vedanta work.

**Akbar II's 'Raja' title**

Honorific, not a territorial raja. A favourite Prelims footnote.

**Brahmo Samaj**

1828/1830. Monotheism, no idolatry, social reform. Debendranath and Keshab after Roy.

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