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Q20

Consider the following statements in respect of the Non-Cooperation Movement: I. The Congress declared the attainment of 'Swaraj' by all legitimate and peaceful means to be its objective. II. It was to be implemented in stages with civil disobedience and non-payment of taxes for the next stage only if 'Swaraj' did not come within a year and the Government resorted to repression. 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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Explanation

(a)

I only. That drops the staged implementation.

(b)

II only. That drops the Swaraj-by-peace objective.

(c) Official key

Both I and II. The Congress objective was Swaraj by legitimate and peaceful means. The plan was stepwise: boycott first; civil disobedience and no-tax later, if a year passed without Swaraj and the government repressed.

(d)

Neither. Both lines are in the 1920 programme reading UPSC used.

Summary

Official key is (c) both I and II. Calcutta 1920 named Swaraj by peaceful, legitimate means, and the programme was staged: civil disobedience and tax refusal only if Swaraj did not come in a year and repression continued. (a) and (b) drop one limb; (d) drops both.

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Calcutta session, Sep 1920

Non-Cooperation adopted. Swaraj in one year was the public slogan.

Nagpur session, Dec 1920

Confirmed NCM; new Congress constitution; linguistic provinces.

Staged programme

Titles, schools, courts, foreign cloth first; no-tax and civil disobedience reserved.

Swaraj in one year

Gandhi's 1920-21 promise. Failure plus Chauri Chaura ended the movement.

Bardoli resolution, 1922

Withdrawal after Chauri Chaura - the violence limit in Statement I's 'peaceful'.

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