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Consider the following statements: Statement I: Circular economy reduces the emissions of greenhouse gases. Statement II: Circular economy reduces the use of raw materials as inputs. Statement III: Circular economy reduces wastage in the production process. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements? (a) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I (b) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct but only one of them explains Statement I (c) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement I (d) Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct Official key: A.

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Indian economy, budget, schemes - Prelims GS Paper I.

Explanation**(a) Official key**

Both II and III are correct and both explain I. Using fewer raw materials and wasting less in production are why a **circular economy** cuts greenhouse gases.

(b)

Both correct but only one explains I. The official reading lets both explain I.

(c)

Only one of II and III correct. Both hold.

(d)

Neither. Both hold.

Summary

Official Set A key is (a). A **circular economy** keeps materials in use. That reduces virgin-input demand (II) and process waste (III). Both cut energy and process emissions, so both explain why greenhouse gases fall (I). Do not split them.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Circular economy

Design out waste, keep materials in use, regenerate systems - Ellen MacArthur frame.

Linear economy

Take-make-dispose. The contrast pair.

Extended Producer Responsibility

India's PWM Rules tool so producers finance recycling. A policy neighbour.

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India's demand-side circularity campaign at COP27.

Scope 3 emissions

Value-chain GHGs. Circularity often cuts these more than stack emissions.

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