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Subsequent to which one of the following events, Gandhiji, who consistently opposed untouchability and appealed for its eradication from all spheres, decided to include the upliftment of 'Harijans' in his political and social programme? (a) The Poona Pact (b) The Gandhi-Irwin Agreement (Delhi Pact) (c) Arrest of Congress leadership at the time of the Quit India Movement. (d) Promulgation of the Government of India Act, Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

The Poona Pact. After Poona, Gandhi turned more sharply to Harijan work, which he had long argued against untouchability as a Hindu reformer.

(b)

Gandhi-Irwin / Delhi Pact. 1931 political truce; not this social turn as keyed.

(c)

Quit India arrests. 1942.

(d)

Government of India Act. 1935 statute; not the trigger keyed here.

Summary

Official Set A key is (a) the Poona Pact (1932). After the Communal Award and the Poona Pact with Ambedkar, Gandhi's Harijan campaign intensified. That is the event UPSC keys, not Irwin Pact, Quit India, or the 1935 Act.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Poona Pact, 24 September 1932

Reserved seats instead of separate electorates. Harijan Sevak Sangh follows.

Harijan Sevak Sangh, 1932

Gandhi's organisation after the fast.

Government of India Act, 1935

Provincial autonomy, communal award background. Why (d) is in the paper.

Yerawada fast

September 1932. The moral pressure behind the Pact.

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