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Who among the following was the founder of the 'Self- Respect Movement'? (a) 'Periyar' E. V. Ramaswamy Naicker (b) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar (c) Bhaskarrao Jadhav (d) Dinkarrao Javalkar Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

'Periyar' E. V. Ramaswamy Naicker. **Self-Respect Movement, 1925**, Tamil country; later Dravidar Kazhagam.

(b)

Dr B. R. **Ambedkar**. Independent Labour Party, Mahar satyagrahas, not Self-Respect.

(c)

Bhaskarrao Jadhav. Non-Brahmin / Satyashodhak politics in Maharashtra. Neighbour, not founder.

(d)

Dinkarrao Javalkar. Anti-caste Marathi pamphleteer. Not this movement.

Summary

Official key is (a) **Periyar** E. V. Ramaswamy Naicker, founder of the **Self-Respect Movement (1925)**. **Ambedkar**, Jadhav and Javalkar are other anti-caste names, not this movement's founder.

Related possible facts

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Self-Respect Movement, 1925

Periyar. Against caste and Brahmin dominance; self-respect marriages.

Justice Party

Periyar's earlier platform. 1916 non-Brahmin manifesto.

Dravidar Kazhagam, 1944

Periyar after leaving Congress/Justice. Parent of DMK.

Satyashodhak Samaj

Phule, 1873. The Maharashtrian cousin, not Self-Respect.

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