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With reference to India, consider the following : I. The Inter-State Council II. The National Security Council III. Zonal Councils How many of the above are established as per the provisions of the Constitution of India? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All the three (d) None Official key: A.

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Indian Constitution, polity, rights, governance - Prelims GS Paper I.

Explanation**(a) Official key**

Only one. Of ISC, NDC and the third body, only one is a constitutional / keyed fit as printed.

(b)

Only two. Over-counts.

(c)

All three. Two of the three are extra-constitutional or mis-described.

(d)

None. One holds.

Summary

Official Set A key is (a) only one. The Inter-State Council ([Article 263](#)) is constitutional. The National Development Council was an extra-constitutional planning-era body. Count only the one pair that is correctly described as asked.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Article 263 / Inter-State Council

President may establish it. Set up 1990 after Sarkaria.

Zonal Councils

[States Reorganisation Act, 1956](#) - statutory, not constitutional. Why 'only one' is a coaching answer.

National Security Council

1998/1990s executive body. NSA as secretary. Not in the Constitution.

GST Council

Article 279A. A true constitutional council neighbour.

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