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Q1.

Consider the following events:

1. The first democratically elected Communist Party government formed in a State in India.
2. India's then largest bank, Imperial Bank of India, was renamed State Bank of India.
3. Air India was nationalised and became the national carrier.
4. Goa became a part of independent India.

Which of the following is the correct chronological sequence of the above events?

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A. 4 – 1 – 2 – 3

B. 3 – 2 – 1 – 4

C. 4 – 2 – 1 – 3

D. 3 – 1 – 2 – 4

Correct answer: Option B — 3 – 2 – 1 – 4

Explanation

Correct Answer: (b) — 3 – 2 – 1 – 4

The correct chronology is:

1. **Air India nationalisation — 1953:** Air India was nationalised and became India's national carrier.
2. **State Bank of India formation — 1955:** The Imperial Bank of India was transformed into the State Bank of India.
3. **First Communist government — 1957:** The first democratically elected Communist government came to power in Kerala.
4. **Goa's integration — 1961:** Goa was liberated from Portuguese rule and became part of India.

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Q2.

With reference to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and the integration of princely states after India's independence, consider the following statements:

1. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel served as India's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister.
2. The integration of princely states was facilitated through instruments of accession and diplomatic negotiations.
3. V. P. Menon played an important administrative role in the integration of princely states.
4. All princely states were integrated into the Indian Union without any political or military challenges.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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A. 1 and 2 only

B. 1, 2 and 3 only

C. 2, 3 and 4 only

D. 1, 2, 3 and 4

Correct answer: Option B — 1, 2 and 3 only

Explanation

Correct Answer: (b) — 1, 2 and 3 only

1. **Correct:** Patel became India's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister after independence.
2. **Correct:** The integration process involved instruments of accession, negotiations and political agreements with princely rulers.
3. **Correct:** V. P. Menon, a senior civil servant, assisted Patel and played a key role in negotiating and implementing the integration process.
4. **Incorrect:** Integration involved significant challenges, including the cases of Junagadh, Hyderabad and Jammu and Kashmir.

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