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Prelims Exam Question

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Characteristics of the Swadeshi movement were -

1. Emphasis on self-reliance
2. Participation of farmers at large scale
3. Cultural revivalism

Code:

a

1 and 2

b

2 and 3

c

1 and 3

d

1, 2 and 3

Ans. (c)

Explanation- Following are the important characteristics of Swadeshi movement:- 1. Boycott of foreign goods: It included boycott of foreign clothes and other items, burning them publicly. 2. Public gathering and processions: These emerged as major tools of mass participation as well as popular expression. 3. Volunteers groups or 'committees': Ashwini Kumar Dutt's 'Swadesh Bandhav' committee emerged as a very popular and powerful method of mass participation. 4. Organization of traditional popular festivals and fairs: Such occasions were to be used as a means to reach out to the masses and spread political messages. For example, Tilak's Ganapati and Shivaji festivals became a means of Swadeshi issue not only in western India, but also in Bengal. In Bengal too, traditional folk theater forms were organized for this purpose. Emphasis on self-reliance or 'Atmashakti': It is a symbol of national dignity, respect and self-confidence and social and economic uplift of villages. but farmers had limited participation in this movement.

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