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In the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation, an initiative of six countries, which of the following is/are not a participant/participants? 1. Bangladesh 2. Cambodia 3. China 4. Myanmar 5. Thailand Select the correct answer using the code given below (a) 1 only (b) 2, 3 and 4 (c) 1 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 5 Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

Bangladesh is indeed not a Mekong-Ganga Cooperation member, but China is also not a member. '1 only' therefore misses China. This option is not the key.

(b)

Cambodia and Myanmar are members; China is not. This option wrongly treats Cambodia and Myanmar as non-participants. It is not the key.

(c) Official key

- **Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (2000) has six members:** India, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. Bangladesh (1) and China (3) are not participants. Cambodia, Myanmar and Thailand are members. Hence 1 and 3 is the official key.

(d)

This set treats Cambodia and Thailand as non-members and omits China. Cambodia and Thailand are members. This option is therefore wrong.

Summary

Official key is (c) 1 and 3. The six MGC countries are India plus five mainland South-East Asian States on the Mekong. Bangladesh is not in MGC; China is not in MGC (China is central to the separate Mekong mechanisms). Cambodia, Myanmar and Thailand are participants. Options that drop China or that exclude true members fail.

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MGC launch

2000 at Vientiane; six members

MGC members

India, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam

Mekong River

China is an upstream State but not an MGC member

BIMSTEC

Includes Bangladesh and Myanmar; distinct from MGC

Ganga-Mekong idea

Civilisational and connectivity cooperation, not a China-led basin body

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