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Q3

The 'Fortaleza Declaration', recently in the news, is related to the affairs of (a) ASEAN (b) BRICS (c) OECD (d) WTO Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) ASEAN. ASEAN's landmark texts include the Bangkok Declaration and the ASEAN Charter, not Fortaleza. Fortaleza is a Brazilian city used for a BRICS summit, so ASEAN is not the key.

(b) Official key

(b) BRICS. The sixth BRICS summit (July 2014) was held at Fortaleza, Brazil. The Fortaleza Declaration announced the New Development Bank and the Contingent Reserve Arrangement. That BRICS document is the official key.

(c)

(c) OECD. OECD ministerial outcomes are Paris-based communiqués, not a Fortaleza Declaration. OECD is not the key.

(d)

(d) WTO. WTO ministerial declarations carry the host city's name (Doha, Bali, Nairobi), but Fortaleza 2014 was not a WTO ministerial. WTO is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) BRICS. Fortaleza hosted the 2014 BRICS summit. The Fortaleza Declaration set up the New Development Bank and a **CRA** among Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. ASEAN, OECD and WTO use other named texts. Only BRICS matches that 2014 declaration.

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6th BRICS summit

Fortaleza, Brazil, July 2014

NDB

New Development Bank, announced at Fortaleza

CRA

Contingent Reserve Arrangement, USD 100 billion

NDB HQ

Shanghai

Next BRICS 2014 city

Brasilia (leaders also met there after Fortaleza)

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