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Which one of the following is associated with the issue of control and phasing out of the use of ozone-depleting substances? (a) Bretton Woods Conference (b) Montreal Protocol (c) Kyoto Protocol (d) Nagoya Protocol Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) Bretton Woods Conference. 1944 created the IMF and World Bank. It has nothing to do with ozone-depleting substances.

(b) Official key

(b) **Montreal Protocol**. The 1987 **Montreal Protocol** on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer is the treaty for controlling and phasing out ODS (CFCs, halons, and later HCFCs). That is the official key.

(c)

(c) Kyoto Protocol. 1997 UNFCCC protocol on greenhouse-gas emission targets, not the ODS phase-out treaty.

(d)

(d) Nagoya Protocol. 2010 protocol on access and benefit-sharing under the CBD, not ozone.

Summary

Official key is (b) **Montreal Protocol**. It is the global instrument to control and phase out ozone-depleting substances. Bretton Woods is finance, Kyoto is climate GHGs, Nagoya is biodiversity ABS. Only Montreal matches ODS.

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Montreal Protocol

1987; in force 1989

Vienna Convention

1985 framework on ozone

Kigali Amendment

2016; phases down HFCs

ODS examples

CFCs, halons, carbon tetrachloride, methyl chloroform

Ozone hole

Seasonal thinning over Antarctica

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