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With reference to the 'Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation (IOR-ARC)', consider the following statements: 1. It was established very recently in response to incidents of piracy and accidents of oil spills. 2. It is an alliance meant for maritime security only. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Official key: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

Statement 1 is false. IOR-ARC (now IORA) was established in 1997 in Mauritius; it was not created 'very recently' as a piracy-and-oil-spill body. This option is not the key.

(b)

Statement 2 is false. The Association is a regional economic-cooperation grouping, not an alliance meant for maritime security only. This option is therefore wrong.

(c)

Both statements fail for the reasons above. This option is not the key.

(d) Official key

- **Neither statement is correct:** the body is older than the 'very recently' claim and its mandate is broader than maritime security. This option is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d) Neither 1 nor 2. The Indian Ocean Rim Association (IOR-ARC/IORA) dates to 1997 and covers trade, investment, fisheries, disaster risk and other cooperation, not piracy alone. It was not invented as an oil-spill club. Maritime security is only one later theme. Both statements therefore fall.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Founding

March 1997, Mauritius; charter of IOR-ARC

Rename

Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) from 2013

India

Founding member; hosted IORA events including 2011 Bengaluru

Priority areas

Maritime safety, trade, fisheries, tourism, disaster management, Blue Economy

Contrast

Combined Maritime Forces / other security coalitions are distinct from IORA

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