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Consider the following pairs: Terms sometimes seen in the news - Their origin
1. Annex-I Countries : Cartagena Protocol
2. Certified Emissions Reductions : Nagoya Protocol
3. Clean Development Mechanisms : Kyoto Protocol
Which of the pairs given above is/are correctly matched? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

1 and 2 only. Annex-I countries are a UNFCCC/Kyoto classification, not Cartagena (biosafety). CERs are Kyoto CDM credits, not Nagoya (ABS) instruments. Both 1 and 2 are mismatched.

(b)

2 and 3 only. Clean Development Mechanism is Kyoto, so 3 is right, but CERs are not Nagoya. This pairing is not the key.

(c) Official key

3 only. Clean Development Mechanism is a Kyoto Protocol flexibility mechanism. Annex-I is UNFCCC, not Cartagena; Certified Emission Reductions are CDM units under Kyoto, not Nagoya. That stored letter is the official key.

(d)

All three. Pairs 1 and 2 are wrong, so all three cannot be the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) 3 only. CDM belongs to Kyoto. Annex-I is climate-convention language; CERs are Kyoto carbon credits, not Nagoya ABS papers. Honour the stored letter (c).

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Kyoto Protocol

1997; in force 2005

CDM

Emission-reduction projects in non-Annex I; issues CERs

Cartagena Protocol

Biosafety, under the **CBD (2000)**

Nagoya Protocol

Access and benefit-sharing of genetic resources (2010)

Annex I UNFCCC

Industrialised Parties with mitigation commitments under Kyoto

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