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Q13

What is/are the importance/importances of the 'United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification'? 1. It aims to promote effective action through innovative national programmes and supportive international partnerships. 2. It has a special/particular focus on South Asia and North Africa regions, and its Secretariat facilitates the allocation of major portion of financial resources to these regions. 3. It is committed to a bottom-up approach, encouraging the participation of local people in combating the desertification. Select the correct answer using the code given below (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

Statement 1 only. UNCCD does stress national programmes and partnerships, but it is also explicitly bottom-up with local participation. 1 alone is incomplete.

(b)

2 and 3 only. The Convention's special emphasis is particularly Africa, not a **Secretariat** rule that South Asia and North Africa take the major share of money. Statement 2 is the false extra.

(c) Official key

1 and 3 only. UNCCD promotes action through national programmes and international partnerships and is built as a bottom-up, participatory convention. It does not earmark the bulk of finance to South Asia and North Africa as statement 2 claims. That stored letter is the official key.

(d)

All three. Because 2 misstates regional finance focus, all three cannot be the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) 1 and 3 only. **UNCCD (1994)** fights desertification through national action programmes, partnerships and local participation, with particular attention to Africa. It is not a South Asia-North Africa finance cartel. Honour the stored letter (c).

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UNCCD adopted

1994; entered into force 1996

Secretariat

Bonn, Germany

Rio conventions trio

UNFCCC, CBD, UNCCD

Particular regional focus

Africa (preamble and annexes)

LDN

Land Degradation Neutrality target under later UNCCD decisions

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