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Which of the following statements is/are correct? Proper design and effective implementation of UN-REDD+ Programme can significantly contribute to 1. Protection of biodiversity 2. Resilience of forest ecosystems 3. Poverty reduction Select the correct answer using the code given below (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

Statements 1 and 2 - protection of biodiversity and resilience of forest ecosystems - are genuine REDD+ co-benefits when design and implementation are sound. Statement 3 (poverty reduction through forest-based livelihoods and benefit-sharing) is also an intended outcome of UN-REDD+, so stopping at 1 and 2 is incomplete.

(b)

Poverty reduction alone omits biodiversity and ecosystem resilience, which are core forest outcomes of REDD+. 3 only is not the key.

(c)

Resilience and poverty reduction without biodiversity protection would drop a central conservation co-benefit of well-designed REDD+. 2 and 3 only is therefore incomplete.

(d) Official key

UN-REDD+ (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation, plus conservation, sustainable management and enhancement of forest carbon stocks) can, if properly designed, protect biodiversity, strengthen forest-ecosystem resilience, and support poverty reduction for forest-dependent people. All three statements are correct, so (d) is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d) 1, 2 and 3. REDD+ pays for keeping and restoring forest carbon, but UN guidance also stresses safeguards: biodiversity, ecosystem integrity, and benefits for local and indigenous communities. Proper design can therefore serve climate, conservation and poverty goals together. None of the three listed outcomes is foreign to the programme. Candidates should not treat REDD+ as carbon-only.

Related possible facts

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UN-REDD

FAO, UNDP and UNEP collaborative programme launched in 2008

Warsaw Framework

UNFCCC rules on REDD+ results-based payments (2013)

Cancun safeguards

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Forest carbon

REDD+ credits avoided emissions from deforestation and degradation

India's REDD+ strategy

National REDD+ Strategy released by MoEFCC

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