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Q20

**With reference to 'Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)', consider the following statements: 1. It is an organization of European Union in working relation with NATO and WHO. 2. It monitors chemical industry to prevent new weapons from emerging. 3. It provides assistance and protection to States (Parties) against chemical weapons threats. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: B.**

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**Explanation**

**(a)**

Statement 1 only. OPCW is an independent intergovernmental organisation in The Hague implementing the Chemical Weapons Convention, not an EU body in NATO/WHO harness. 1 is false.

**(b) Official key**

2 and 3 only. OPCW verifies chemical-industry declarations to block new chemical weapons and assists States Parties with protection against chemical threats. Statement 1 is the false EU/NATO claim. That stored letter is the official key.

**(c)**

1 and 3 only. Assistance is a CWC pillar, but the EU-organisation claim is wrong, so this pairing is not the key.

**(d)**

All three. Because 1 is false, all three cannot be the key.

**Summary**

- **Official key is (b) 2 and 3 only. OPCW is the CWC's independent watchdog:** industry monitoring, inspections, assistance and protection-not an EU-NATO-WHO office. Honour the stored letter (b).

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**CWC**

Chemical Weapons Convention, 1993; in force 1997

**OPCW seat**

The Hague, Netherlands

**Nobel Peace Prize**

OPCW, 2013

**India**

Original CWC State Party; declared and destroyed stockpile under OPCW

**Four CWC pillars**

Disarmament, non-proliferation, assistance/protection, international cooperation

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