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With reference to the 'Trans-Pacific Partnership', consider the following statements: 1. It is an agreement among all the Pacific Rim countries except China and Russia. 2. It is a strategic alliance for the purpose of 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 only. TPP was not an agreement of all Pacific Rim states minus only China and Russia. Several Rim economies (Indonesia, Philippines, South Korea, among others) were outside the original twelve. 1 is false.

(b)

Statement 2 only. TPP was a mega-regional trade and economic pact, not a maritime-security-only alliance. 2 is false.

(c)

Both. Both statements fail, so both cannot be the key.

(d) Official key

Neither 1 nor 2. The Trans-Pacific Partnership (signed 2016 by 12 parties) excluded more than China and Russia among Pacific Rim countries, and it was a trade agreement covering goods, services, IP and investment-not a navy-only alliance. That stored letter is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d) neither 1 nor 2. TPP was a 12-member trade deal, not 'all Pacific Rim except China and Russia', and not a maritime-security-only pact. Honour the stored letter (d).

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Original TPP-12

Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, USA, Vietnam

US withdrawal

2017; remaining members moved to CPTPP

CPTPP

Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership

Not members (examples)

China, Russia, Indonesia, India, South Korea (at signing)

India

Not a TPP party; later debated other mega-regionals

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