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Consider the following in respect of Indian Ocean Naval Symposium (IONS): 1. Inaugural IONS was held in India in 2015 under the chairmanship of the Indian Navy. 2. IONS is a voluntary initiative that seeks to increase maritime cooperation among navies of the littoral states of the Indian Ocean Region. Which of the above statements is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

Option (a) is 1 only. The inaugural Indian Ocean Naval Symposium was held in New Delhi in 2008 under the Indian Navy's chairmanship, not in 2015. Statement 1 is false. This option is not the key.

(b) Official key

- **Statement 2 is correct:** IONS is a voluntary initiative to increase maritime cooperation among navies of Indian Ocean littoral states. Statement 1 gets the inaugural year wrong. Hence 2 only is the official key.

(c)

Option (c) is both. The 2015 date for the inaugural meet is incorrect, so both cannot stand. This option is not the key.

(d)

Option (d) is neither. The cooperative, voluntary character of IONS in statement 2 is accurate. This option is therefore wrong.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 only. IONS began in India in 2008 as a voluntary navy-to-navy forum for the Indian Ocean Region. It is not a 2015 founding. Statement 2 correctly states the maritime-cooperation aim. Only that statement survives.

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Inaugural IONS

New Delhi, 2008; Indian Navy as first chair

IONS members

Navies of IOR littorals, with observers from extra-regional navies

Chair rotation

Chairmanship rotates among member navies

Focus areas

Information sharing, HADR, maritime security workshops

Related forum

IORA is the broader diplomatic grouping; IONS is the naval symposium

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