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Consider the following statements: 1. Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) to Reduce Short Lived Climate Pollutants is a unique initiative of G20 group of countries. 2. The CCAC focuses on methane, black carbon and hydrofluorocarbons. 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: B.

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Explanation

(a)

Option (a) is 1 only. The Climate and Clean Air Coalition was launched in 2012 by UNEP with a first group of countries (including Bangladesh, Canada, Ghana, Mexico, Sweden and the United States), not as a G20 initiative. Statement 1 is false. This option is not the key.

(b) Official key

- **Statement 2 is correct:** CCAC targets short-lived climate pollutants, especially methane, black carbon and hydrofluorocarbons. Statement 1 is false. Hence 2 only is the official key.

(c)

Option (c) is both. The G20-origin claim knocks statement 1 out. This option is not the key.

(d)

Option (d) is neither. The pollutant focus in statement 2 is accurate, so neither fails. This option is therefore wrong.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 only. CCAC is a UNEP-hosted voluntary coalition on short-lived climate pollutants, not a G20 body. Its headline SLCPs are methane, black carbon and HFCs, which also harm air quality. CO₂ remains the long-lived stock pollutant handled mainly under UNFCCC. Only statement 2 is correct.

Related possible facts

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SLCPs

Short-lived climate pollutants: methane, black carbon, HFCs, tropospheric ozone

CCAC launch

2012, UNEP and founding partner countries

Black carbon

Soot from incomplete combustion; warms climate and harms lungs

Kigali Amendment

Montreal Protocol phase-down of HFCs, complementary to CCAC work

G20

Leaders' forum on economy; not the parent of CCAC

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