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Consider the following statements: 1. India has ratified the Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) of WTO. 2. TFA is a part of WTO's Bali Ministerial Package of 2013. 3. TFA came into force in January 2016. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

• **Statement 1 is correct:** India ratified the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement (Cabinet approval 2016). Statement 2 is correct: TFA is part of the Bali Ministerial Package of 2013. Statement 3 is wrong: TFA entered into force in February 2017 after two-thirds of members ratified, not in January 2016. Hence 1 and 2 only is the official key.

(b)

Option (b) is 1 and 3 only. The January 2016 entry-into-force date is false. This option is not the key.

(c)

Option (c) is 2 and 3 only. It drops India's ratification, which is true, and keeps the wrong date. This option is therefore wrong.

(d)

Option (d) is all three. Statement 3's date is the error. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (a) 1 and 2 only. TFA was the Bali 2013 deal on customs efficiency and transparency. India ratified in 2016. The agreement came into force in February 2017, not January 2016. Statement 3 is the only false claim. Only 1 and 2 stand.

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Bali Package

Ninth WTO Ministerial Conference, 2013

TFA EIF

22 February 2017, after the two-thirds ratification threshold

Section A/B/C

TFA categories of commitments with different implementation timelines for developing members

India ratification

Instrument deposited 2016 after Cabinet decision

WTO Nairobi 2015

Later ministerial; not the birth of TFA

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