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With reference to 'Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on Housing and Urban Development (APMCHUD)', consider the following statements: 1. The first APMCHUD was held in India in 2006 on the theme 'Emerging Urban Forms - Policy Responses and Governance Structure'. 2. India hosts all the Annual Ministerial Conferences in partnership with ADB, APEC and ASEAN. 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)**

(a) 1 only. The first APMCHUD was held in New Delhi in 2006, but the theme given - 'Emerging Urban Forms - Policy Responses and Governance Structure' - is not that inaugural theme. Statement 1 therefore fails as written.

(b)

(b) 2 only. India does not host all the ministerial conferences, nor in a standing partnership that stages every annual meet with ADB, APEC and ASEAN. Statement 2 is false.

(c)

(c) Both 1 and 2. Both the wrong theme and the 'India hosts all' claim fail.

(d) Official key

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. The 2006 Delhi meet's theme is misquoted, and India is not the permanent annual host with those three organisations. This is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d) neither 1 nor 2. APMCHUD is an ESCAP-region ministerial process on housing and urban development. The first conference was in New Delhi in 2006, but not under the 'Emerging Urban Forms...' title used in statement 1. Later sessions rotated among member countries; India is not the host of every annual conference with ADB, APEC and ASEAN. Both statements fail. Habitat III is a neighbouring global urban summit.

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First APMCHUD

New Delhi, 2006

UN-Habitat

UN urban programme

ESCAP

UN economic commission for Asia-Pacific

Habitat III

Quito, 2016; New Urban Agenda

MoHUA

India's urban ministry

ADB

Manila-based development bank

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