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With reference to the role of UN-Habitat in the United Nations Programme working towards a better urban future, which of the following statements is/are correct? 1. UN-Habitat has been mandated by the United Nations General Assembly to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities to provide adequate shelter for all. 2. Its partners are either governments or local urban authorities only. 3. UN-Habitat contributed to the overall objective of the United Nations system to reduce poverty and to promote access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation. Select the correct answer using the code given below: (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 3 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 only Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

• **Option (a) is 1, 2 and 3. Statement 2 is false:** UN-Habitat partners include governments and local authorities but also civil society, private sector and other UN bodies, not those two alone. The full set therefore fails. This option is not the key.

(b) Official key

• **Statement 1 is correct:** the UN General Assembly mandated UN-Habitat to promote socially and environmentally sustainable towns and cities and adequate shelter for all. Statement 3 is correct: the programme supports UN system goals on poverty reduction, safe water and basic sanitation. Statement 2 wrongly narrows partners. Hence 1 and 3 only is the official key.

(c)

Option (c) is 2 and 3 only. Keeping the false partner-only claim and dropping the true mandate statement is wrong. This option is not the key.

(d)

Option (d) is 1 only. It omits the also-true poverty, water and sanitation contribution. This option is therefore wrong.

Summary

Official key is (b) 1 and 3 only. UN-Habitat is the UN-Habitat programme mandated by the General Assembly for sustainable urbanisation and shelter. It works with a wide partner set, not only governments and city halls. It also feeds UN poverty and WASH objectives. Statement

2 is the only false claim.

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Nairobi, Kenya

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Outcome of Habitat III, Quito, 2016

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