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What is/are the consequence/consequences of a country becoming the member of the 'Nuclear Suppliers Group'? 1. It will have access to the latest and most efficient nuclear technologies. 2. It automatically becomes a member of "The Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT)". 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: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

(a) 1 only. **(a) Official key:** NSG membership eases civil nuclear trade and access to efficient nuclear technology among members. It does not automatically enrol a country in the **NPT**: **NPT** is a separate treaty. Only statement 1 is correct.

(b)

(b) 2 only. NSG and **NPT** are independent. India sought NSG membership without being an **NPT** party. Statement 2 is false, so this letter is not the key.

(c)

(c) Both 1 and 2. The **NPT**-automaticity claim is wrong, so both-correct is not the key.

(d)

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. Access to nuclear technology is a real consequence of NSG membership, so 'neither' is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (a) 1 only. The Nuclear Suppliers Group coordinates export controls and civil nuclear commerce; members gain smoother access to nuclear technology and fuel-cycle items under NSG guidelines. Joining NSG does not make a state a party to the **NPT**. Honour the stored letter (a).

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NSG origin

1974, after India's Pokhran-I test (London Club)

NPT

Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, 1968

India and NPT

Not a party; recognised as a nuclear-weapon state de facto

India-US 123 Agreement

Civil nuclear cooperation with NSG waiver, 2008

NSG consensus

New members admitted by consensus

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