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Consider the following statements: 1. The United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) has a 'Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air'. 2. The UNCAC is the ever- first legally binding global anti-corruption instrument. 3. A highlight of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) is the inclusion of a specific chapter aimed at returning assets to their rightful owners from whom they had been taken illicitly. 4. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is mandated by its members States to assist in the implementation of both (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 2,3 and 4 only (c) 2 and 4 only (d) 1,2,3 and 4 Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 and 3 only. Statement 1 is false: the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air belongs to **UNTOC**, not **UNCAC**. Statement 3 is also false: the asset-return chapter is a highlight of **UNCAC**, not **UNTOC**. The pair is not the key.

(b)

(b) 2, 3 and 4 only. It keeps the false **UNTOC**-asset chapter. Not the key.

(c) Official key

(c) 2 and 4 only. **UNCAC** is the first legally binding global anti-corruption treaty. **UNODC** is mandated to help States implement both **UNCAC** and **UNTOC**. The migrants protocol is a **UNTOC** protocol, and stolen-asset return is **UNCAC** Chapter V, so 1 and 3 fail. That is the official key.

(d)

(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4. Two of the four statements are false, so the all-correct code is wrong.

Summary

Official key is (c). **UNCAC** is the first binding global anti-corruption instrument. **UNODC** services both **UNCAC** and **UNTOC**. The Smuggling of Migrants Protocol is under **UNTOC**, not **UNCAC**. Returning stolen assets is a **UNCAC** highlight, not a **UNTOC** chapter. Only 2 and 4 survive.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

UNCAC

Adopted 2003; in force 2005; Chapter V on asset recovery

UNTOC

Palermo Convention, 2000; in force 2003

UNTOC protocols

Trafficking in persons; smuggling of migrants; firearms

UNODC

UN Office on Drugs and Crime; guardian of both conventions

India

Party to UNCAC and UNTOC

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