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Consider the following statements: 1. Under Ramsar Convention, it is mandatory on the part of the Government of India to protect and conserve all the wetlands in the territory of India. 2. The Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2010 were framed by the Government of India based on the recommendation of Ramsar Convention. 3. The Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2010 also encompass the drainage area or catchment regions of the wetlands as determined by the authority. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 and 2 only. Statement 1 is false: Ramsar does not make it mandatory for India to protect every wetland on its territory - obligations focus on listed Ramsar sites and **wise use**, not a blanket duty over all wetlands. Statement 2 is false: the 2010 Wetlands Rules were a domestic MoEF notification, not simply 'based on a Ramsar recommendation' as a legal parent. So 1-and-2 is not the key.

(b)

(b) 2 and 3 only. Statement 2 fails, so this pair is not the key.

(c) Official key

(c) 3 only. The Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2010 treated the drainage area / **catchment**, as determined by the authority, as part of the regulated wetland system. Statements 1 and 2 do not stand. 3 only is the official key.

(d)

(d) 1, 2 and 3. Two false statements block all-three.

Summary

Official key is (c) 3 only. Ramsar is a treaty on wetlands of international importance, not a statute that automatically conserves every Indian marsh. The **2010 Rules** were India's own subordinate legislation and they did fold in **catchment**/drainage as the authority determined. Honour the stored letter (c).

Related possible facts

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Ramsar, 1971

Convention on Wetlands; India a party

Wise use

Treaty idea for wetlands in general

2010 Rules

Notified by MoEF; later replaced/updated 2017

Catchment

Included as determined by the authority

Askable twin

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