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Consider the following statements: 1. 'Right to the City' is an agreed human right and the UN-Habitat monitors the commitments made by each country in this regard. 2. 'Right to the City' gives every occupant of the city right to reclaim public spaces and public participation in the city (a) 1 only | | | --- | --- | --- | | (b) 3 only | | | (c) 1 and 2 | | | (d) 2 and 3 | | | Ans) C | | | Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

1 only. It is not a settled UN-Habitat-monitored human right in the form statement 1 claims.

(b)

3 only. Statement 2 also holds: reclaiming public space and participation.

(c)

1 and 2. Statement 1 fails.

(d) Official key

2 and 3. Occupants' claim on public space and participation, and a non-discrimination reading of the Right to the City. Not an agreed, UN-Habitat-policed human right as 1 puts it.

Summary

Official key is (d) 2 and 3. 'Right to the City' is a Lefebvre / urban-social idea about using and shaping urban space without discrimination. It is not a universally agreed human right that UN-Habitat scores country by country as statement 1 says.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Henri Lefebvre

Le droit à la ville, 1968.

New Urban Agenda

Habitat III; a cousin text, not a binding right.

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