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With reference to the United Nations Convention on the Law of Sea, consider the following statements: 1. A coastal state has the right to establish the breadth of its territorial sea up to a limit not exceeding 12 nautical miles, measured from baseline determined in accordance with the convention. 2. Ships of all states, whether coastal or land-locked, enjoy the right of innocent passage through the territorial sea. 3. The Exclusive Economic Zone shall not extend beyond 200 nautical miles from the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured. Which of the statements given above are correct? (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

1 and 2 only. **EEZ** 200 nm is also UNCLOS.

(b)

2 and 3 only. 12 nm territorial sea is **Article 3**.

(c)

1 and 3 only. **Innocent passage** is **Article 17**.

(d) Official key

All three. 12 nm TS, **innocent passage** for all ships, **EEZ** not beyond 200 nm.

Summary

- **Official key is (d) all three. UNCLOS:** territorial sea up to 12 nautical miles; **innocent passage** for ships of all States; **EEZ** up to 200 nautical miles from the baselines.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Innocent passage

UNCLOS **Article 17-19**; continuous and expeditious, not prejudicial.

Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)

Sovereign rights over resources, not full sovereignty.

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