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With reference to the United Nations General Assembly, consider the following statements: 1. The UN General Assembly can grant observer status to the non-member States. 2. Inter-governmental organisations can seek observer status in the UN General Assembly. 3. Permanent Observers in the UN General Assembly can maintain mission at the UN headquarters. 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. Permanent observers also keep missions in New York.

(b)

2 and 3 only. Non-member States (Holy See, Palestine) get observer status too.

(c)

1 and 3 only. IGOs (EU, AU, ICRC as a special case) also seek observer status.

(d) Official key

All three. Non-member States, IGOs, and missions at UNHQ for permanent observers.

Summary

Official key is (d) all three. The General Assembly grants observer status to non-member States and to many intergovernmental organisations. Permanent observers maintain offices at UN headquarters.

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Holy See / Palestine

Non-member observer States.

EU at UNGA

Enhanced observer; an IGO example.

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