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Consider the following statements : Statement-I Recently, the United States of America (USA) and the European Union (EU) have launched the 'Trade and Technology Council' Statement-II The USA and the EU claim that through this they are trying to being technological progress and physical productivity under their control. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statement? (a) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement- II is the correct explanation for Statement-I (b) Both Statement-I and Statement-II are correct and Statement- II is not the correct explanation for Statement-I (c) Statement-I is correct but Statement- II is incorrect (d) Statement-I is incorrect but Statement-II is correct Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

Both correct and II explains I. The TTC is not a bid to 'control' technological progress and physical productivity.

(b)

Both correct but II does not explain I. II is false.

(c) Official key

I correct, II incorrect. The US-EU Trade and Technology Council exists. Statement-II misstates its claim.

(d)

I incorrect, II correct. The Council was launched in 2021.

Summary

Official key is (c). The United States and the European Union launched a Trade and Technology Council. Its stated aim is coordination on trade, standards and technology - not bringing technological progress and physical productivity 'under their control'. Statement-II is the false gloss.

Related possible facts

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US-EU TTC

Launched 2021; working groups on standards, semiconductors, AI.

Chip export controls

A neighbouring transatlantic tech-policy PYQ.

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