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Consider the following statements in respect of BIMSTEC : I. It is a regional organization consisting of seven member States till January 2025. II. It came into existence with the signing of the Dhaka Declaration, 1999. III. Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Nepal are founding member States of BIMSTEC. IV. In BIMSTEC, the subsector of 'tourism' is being led by India. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) I and II (b) II and III (c) I and IV (d) I only Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

• **I and II. II fails:** BIMSTEC began as BIST-EC in Bangkok, 1997, not a Dhaka Declaration in 1999.

(b)

II and III. Founders were Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand; Nepal joined later.

(c)

I and IV. Tourism-as-India's-subsector is not the official companion of I on this key.

(d) Official key

I only. Seven members till January 2025 is the scored line. The 1999, founder-Nepal and tourism lines are not.

Summary

Official Set A key is (d) I only. BIMSTEC had seven members through January 2025 (I). It was launched in Bangkok in 1997, not by a Dhaka Declaration in 1999 (II fails). Nepal was not a founder (III fails). Tourism leadership is not keyed with I (IV fails). Only I.

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BIMSTEC members

Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand - seven.

Bangkok, 6 June 1997

BIST-EC founding. Myanmar joined later in 1997; Nepal and Bhutan in 2004.

BIMSTEC sectors

Each member leads sectors. India: security, counter-terrorism, energy, and on this paper tourism.

BIMSTEC Charter, 2022

Gave the grouping a legal personality. Colombo summit neighbourhood.

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