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Consider the following statements: Statement I: Article 6 of the Paris Agreement on climate change is frequently discussed in global discussions on sustainable development and climate change. Statement II: Article 6 of the Paris Agreement on climate change sets out the principles of carbon markets. Statement III: Article 6 of the Paris Agreement on climate change intends to promote inter-country non-market strategies to reach their climate targets. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements? (a) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct and both of them explain Statement I (b) Both Statement II and Statement III are correct but only one of them explains Statement I (c) Only one of the Statements II and III is correct and that explains Statement I (d) Neither Statement II nor Statement III is correct Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

Both II and III are correct and both explain I. **Article 6.2** and 6.4 set cooperative carbon-market routes (ITMOs and a UN mechanism). **Article 6.8** is the non-market window. That dual design is why **Article 6** is a standing COP agenda item on sustainable development and climate finance.

(b)

Both correct but only one explains I. Markets and non-market strategies are two halves of the same article. Both are why I is discussed.

(c)

Only one of II and III is correct. Both hold.

(d)

Neither. That would empty **Article 6**.

Summary

- **Official key is (a):** **Article 6** is discussed because it is the Paris rulebook for both carbon markets (II) and inter-country non-market cooperation (III). Both lines are true and both explain why **Article 6** keeps coming up. (b) splits a pair that should stay together; (c) and (d) drop a true limb.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Article 6.2 (ITMOs)

Internationally transferred mitigation outcomes. Country-to-country cooperative approaches with corresponding adjustment.

Article 6.4 mechanism

A UN-supervised crediting mechanism, the Paris successor neighbourhood of the CDM.

Article 6.8

Non-market approaches: finance, technology, capacity - cooperation without trading a unit.

Corresponding adjustment

The accounting step so the same emission cut is not counted in two NDCs.

COP29 Article 6

Baku 2024 adopted further Article 6 texts after years of rulebook fights - why this PYQ is timely.

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