

International Organization



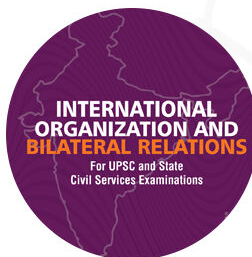
Questions Asked



Detailed Solutions



Right Approach



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1. With reference to Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), consider the following statements

1. AIIB has more than 80 member nations.
2. India is the largest shareholder in AIIB.
3. AIIB does not have any members from outside Asia.

Which of the statements given above is / are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 and 3 only
- (c) 1 and 3 only
- (d) 1, 2 and 3

Sol. 1 (a) 1 only

Source: PrepMate International Organizations and Bilateral Relations, Chapter 4, Page 96

Statement 1 is correct.

Statements 2 and 3 are incorrect.

4 ASIAN INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT BANK (AIIB)

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) is a multilateral development bank that aims to support the building of infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region. The bank currently has 61 member states while another 23 are prospective members (as of January, 2018). Major economies that did not become members of AIIB include Japan and United States. The bank was proposed by China and was launched in 2014. The headquarters of the bank is at Beijing, China.

The bank will have a cumulative capital of \$100 billion, of which \$29.78 billion will be contributed by China. India holds the 2nd largest share in the capital contribution with \$8.37 billion and Russia holds the 3rd largest share.

The largest voting rights are held by China at 26.06% and India holds the 2nd spot with 7.51%. Russia stands 3rd at 5.92%.

2. Which one of the following is **not** a sub-index of the World Bank's 'Ease of Doing Business Index'?

- (a) Maintenance of law and order
- (b) Paying taxes
- (c) Registering property

(d) Dealing with construction permits

Sol. 2 (a) Maintenance of law and order

Source: PrepMate International Organizations and Bilateral Relations, Chapter 7, Page 167

7 EASE OF DOING BUSINESS REPORT

It is released annually by World Bank. A higher ranking of country in this list means that its regulatory environment is more conducive and favourable for undertaking business. Ranking of country is based on 10 indicators, each having equal weightage. The 10 indicators are as follows:

1. Starting a business
2. Dealing with construction permits
3. Getting electricity
4. Registering property
5. Getting credit
6. Protecting minority investors
7. Paying taxes
8. Trading across borders
9. Enforcing contracts
10. Resolving insolvency

3. Consider the following statements:

1. The United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) has a 'Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air'.
2. The UNCAC is the ever-first legally binding global anti-corruption instrument.
3. A highlight of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) is the inclusion of a specific chapter aimed at returning assets to their rightful owners from whom they had been taken illicitly.
4. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is mandated by its member States to assist in the implementation of both UNCAC and UNTOC.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- (a) 1 and 3 only
- (b) 2, 3 and 4 only
- (c) 2 and 4 only
- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Sol. 3 (c) 2 and 4 only

Source: PrepMate International Organizations and Bilateral Relations, Chapter 1, Page 15

Statement 4 is correct.

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

The UNODC is the secretariat of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its three supplementary protocols include: Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children; Smuggling of Migrants; and illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms. It is also the secretariat of the Conference of the State Parties to the UN Convention against Corruption. UNODC promotes the ratification and implementation of all of these conventions and protocols through capacity building, training and technical assistance.

Statement 1 is incorrect. United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) is against corruption and is not related to Smuggling of Migrants. UNCAC has been in news in context of amendments in Prevention of Corruption Act to make it in line with UNCAC. UNTOC has a 'Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air'.

Once we know that statement 1 is incorrect and statement 4 is correct, we are left with options (b) and (c).

Statement 3 is also incorrect. UNTOC has three supplementary protocols namely Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children; Smuggling of Migrants; and illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms. It does not have specific chapter aimed at returning assets to their rightful owners from whom they had been taken illicitly.

4. The Global Competitiveness Report is published by the

- (a) International Monetary Fund
- (b) United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- (c) World Economic Forum
- (d) World Bank

Sol. 4(c) World Economic Forum

Source: PrepMate International Organizations and Bilateral Relations, Chapter 7, Page 166

6 GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS REPORT

The Global Competitiveness Report (GCR) is a yearly report published by the World Economic Forum. Global Competitiveness Report ranks countries based on the Global Competitiveness Index.

The report assesses the ability of countries to provide high levels of prosperity to their citizens. This in turn depends on how productively a country uses available resources. Therefore, the Global Competitiveness Index measures the set of institutions, policies, and factors that set the sustainable current and medium-term levels of economic prosperity.