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Pre-Mix – 5 MCQs for Prelims

Subject – International Relations

Date – 05th April 2023

1. Consider the following statements with reference to India- Myanmar Relations

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2. Myanmar shares borders with Assam, Arunachal Pradesh & Nagaland.
3. Both India & Myanmar are members of ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF)

Which of the Above Statements are *Incorrect*?

- A. 2 Only
- B. 1 Only
- C. 1 & 2
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- A. Norway, Denmark, Portugal, Greece
- B. Netherlands, Poland, Germany, France
- C. Finland, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania
- D. Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Czech Republic

4. Consider the Following statements Regarding UNHRC

1. UNHRC Reports Directly to General Assembly.
2. The Decisions & Regulations of this council is directly binding upon it's Member States.
3. Under the UNHRC there is a Universal Periodic Review (UPR) through which each UN Member State's overall Human Rights Record is Reviewed.

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5. Which of the Following Countries are not a MNNA (Major Non NATO Ally) ?

- A. Tunisia
- B. Argentina
- C. Japan
- D. Austria

Answers with Explanations

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Answer : A

Explanation



Additional Information

- Myanmar & India Share a border of 1643 Kms with North Eastern India (Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur & Mizoram)
- The Twenty-Sixth ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and Post Ministerial Conference, which were held in Singapore on 23-25 July 1993, agreed to establish the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF).
- The inaugural meeting of the ARF was held in Bangkok on 25 July 1994.

Objectives of ASEAN Regional Forum

- To foster constructive dialogue and consultation on political and security issues of common interest and concern
- To make significant contributions to efforts towards confidence-building and preventive diplomacy in the Asia-Pacific region.

Participants

The current participants in the ARF are as follows: Australia, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Canada, China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, European Union, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Russia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, United States, and Viet Nam.

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Answer : C

Explanation

- Israel Accounts for 13% of Indian Imports (SIPRI 2021)
- India is benefitting from Israeli Expertise and Technologies in Horticulture, Micro Irrigation, defence Etc
- India is Israel's third largest Trading Partner

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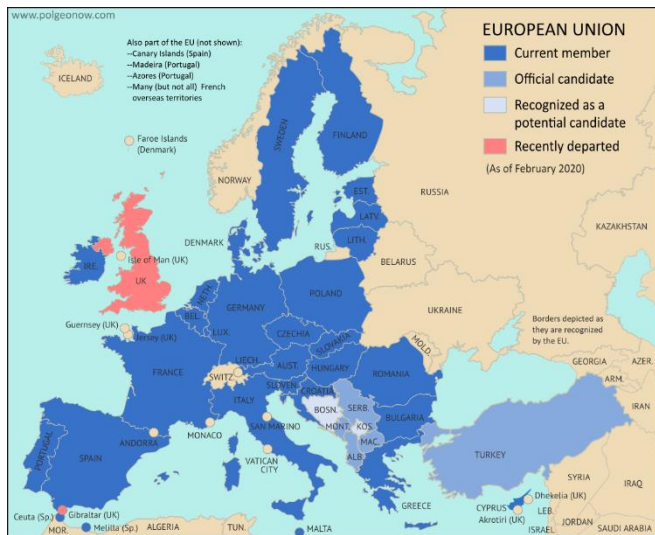
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Answer : A

Explanation



What Other European Countries Aren't in the EU?

So which countries are left that aren't in the European Union and aren't even applying for membership? There are actually quite a few. Some might hope to apply further in the future, while others have decided not to apply at all.

List of European Countries That Aren't EU Members, Candidates, or Potential Candidates



*Switzerland, Norway, and Iceland have all applied for EU membership in the past, but later suspended or withdrawn their applications

**Russia is located partially in Europe and partially in Asia, but its historical center and the majority of its population are on the European side

List of Official EU Candidate Countries

Joining the EU requires **years of negotiation** with the existing member countries, and the EU has a list of official candidate countries that are working on it now.



Turkey applied all the way back in 1987, but is **still a long way from getting approval** from the existing EU members. The other candidate countries are mostly at early stages of membership negotiations, or haven't even formally started yet. Serbia and Montenegro will **probably be the next to join**, but aren't expected to any earlier than 2025.

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Answer : B

Explanation

What is Human Rights Council?

- The Human Rights Council is an inter-governmental body within the United Nations system, which is responsible for strengthening the promotion and protection of human rights around the world.
- It also addresses and makes recommendations on situations of human rights violations, and can discuss all thematic human rights issues and situations.

Membership of the Council

- The Council, which meets at the **UN Office in Geneva, Switzerland**, is made up of **47 UN Member States** who are elected by majority vote through a direct and secret ballot at the UNGA.
- According to the Council's website, the UNGA takes into account the candidate States' contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as their voluntary pledges and commitments in this regard.
- The membership of the Council is based on equitable geographical distribution.
- The members serve for three years and are **not eligible for immediate re-election** after serving two consecutive terms.
- UNGA, by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, may suspend the rights of membership in the Council of a member of the Council.
- Before Russia, Libya was the last member to be suspended in 2011.
- In October 2021, India was re-elected to the UNHRC for a 6th Term (2022-24).
- Decisions of UNHRC are Non-Binding.

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Answer : D

Explanation



Major NON NATO Allies

- Major Non-NATO Ally (MNNA) status is a designation under U.S. law that provides foreign partners with certain benefits in the areas of defense trade and security cooperation.
- The Major Non-NATO Ally designation is a powerful symbol of the close relationship the United States shares with those countries and demonstrates deep respect for the friendship for the countries to which it is extended.
- **While MNNA status provides military and economic privileges, it does not entail any security commitments to the designated country.**
- Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Brazil, Colombia, Egypt, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Qatar, South Korea, Thailand, and Tunisia.