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Q1. In which year was the Ramon Magsaysay Award established?

- (a) 1958
- (b) 1960
- (c) 1955
- (d) 1962

Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct answer is (A) 1958

Explanation:

- The Ramon Magsaysay Award was established in April 1957 by the trustees of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund based in New York City with the concurrence of the Philippine government.
- The inaugural Ramon Magsaysay Awards ceremony was held on August 31, 1958, making 1958 the official first year of presentation.
- Vinoba Bhave, the leader of the Land Gift Movement (Bhoodan Movement) in India, was among the first group of awardees in 1958 for Community Leadership.
- The award was created to commemorate the integrity, courageous service, and pragmatic idealism of Ramon Magsaysay, the 7th President of the Republic of the Philippines.
- The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF) administers the prize and annually selects individuals or organizations in Asia who display greatness of spirit and transformative leadership.

Information Booster:

- The Ramon Magsaysay Award is widely recognized globally as Asia's premier prize and highest honor, equivalent to the Nobel Prize.
- Recipients are presented with a certificate, a medallion bearing the embossed image of Ramon Magsaysay, and a cash prize.
- Prominent Indian laureates include Mother Teresa (1962), Jayaprakash Narayan (1965), Satyajit Ray (1967), M. S. Swaminathan (1971), and Kiran Bedi (1994).
- The award categories originally included Government Service, Public Service, Community Leadership, Journalism, Literature and Creative Communication Arts, and International Understanding.
- In 2009, the Foundation discontinued formal category classifications to award emergent forms of transformative leadership across Asia.

Additional Knowledge:

- 1960 (Option B): Year in which Sir Chintaman Deshmukh (C. D. Deshmukh), the former RBI Governor, received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Government Service.
- 1955 (Option C): Ramon Magsaysay was actively serving as President of the Philippines during this period; he died in a plane crash in March 1957.
- 1962 (Option D): Mother Teresa received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for International Understanding in this year.

Q2. Consider the following statements regarding the Ramon Magsaysay Award:

1. The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation selects the recipients of the award.
2. Awardees receive a medallion, certificate, and cash prize.
3. The award was created to recognise selfless service and greatness of spirit in Asia.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

Ans.(d)

Sol. The correct answer is (D) 1, 2 and 3

Explanation:

- Statement 1 is correct: The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation (RMAF), based in Manila, Philippines, independently manages and selects the recipients annually.
- Statement 2 is correct: Laureates receive a certificate, a medallion with the profile of President Ramon Magsaysay, and a cash prize.
- Statement 3 is correct: The award was established to celebrate selfless service, moral courage, and greatness of spirit demonstrated by individuals and entities working in Asia.
- All three statements accurately reflect the governance, honors awarded, and core philosophical mandate of the Ramon Magsaysay Award.
- The annual presentation ceremony is traditionally held in Manila on August 31, marking the birth anniversary of President Ramon Magsaysay.

Information Booster:

- President Ramon Magsaysay was the seventh President of the Philippines, revered for his humility, integrity, and democratic governance.
- The awards were established through a resolution by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund in May 1957, in partnership with the Philippine government.
- It is internationally recognized as Asia's equivalent to the Nobel Prize due to its rigorous selection standard and regional prestige.
- Over the decades, hundreds of leaders, organizations, and grassroots activists across Asian nations have been conferred this honor.
- India has one of the highest numbers of Ramon Magsaysay Award recipients, across fields of social work, rural development, journalism, and public administration.

Additional Knowledge:

- Option A (1 and 2 only): Incomplete because Statement 3 is also factually correct regarding the foundational principles of the award.
- Option B (2 and 3 only): Incomplete because Statement 1 accurately identifies the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation as the governing body.
- Option C (1 and 3 only): Incomplete because Statement 2 accurately describes the tangible honors (medallion, certificate, cash prize) presented to recipients.

Q3. The Ramon Magsaysay Award is often referred to as:

- (a) Asia's Peace Prize
- (b) Asia's Nobel Prize
- (c) Asia's Humanitarian Award
- (d) Asia's Leadership Prize

Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is (B) Asia's Nobel Prize

Explanation:

- The Ramon Magsaysay Award is universally acknowledged as "Asia's Nobel Prize" due to its regional stature, prestige, and rigorous selection process.
- It honors individuals and organizations in Asia who demonstrate selfless service, integrity, and transformative impact on society.
- Established in 1957, it reflects the democratic ideals and compassionate governance of former Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay.

- The award celebrates excellence across diverse domains, including public leadership, community development, and creative communications.
- Global media and academic institutions routinely recognize the Magsaysay Award as the highest civic honor attainable within the Asian continent.

Information Booster:

- The Nobel Prize, instituted by Alfred Nobel in 1895, is awarded globally in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology/Medicine, Literature, Peace, and Economic Sciences.
- Other prominent international equivalents include the Abel Prize and Fields Medal (Mathematics), Pritzker Prize (Architecture), and Turing Award (Computer Science).
- Notable Indian recipients of the Ramon Magsaysay Award include Mother Teresa, Vinoba Bhave, Arvind Kejriwal, Sonam Wangchuk, and Ravish Kumar.
- The Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation is headquartered in Manila, Philippines.
- Winners are selected annually by an independent Board of Trustees following an extensive continent-wide nomination and vetting process.

Additional Knowledge:

- Asia's Peace Prize (Option A): An informal description sometimes applied to specific regional peace initiatives, but not the official moniker for the Ramon Magsaysay Award.
- Asia's Humanitarian Award (Option C): A general descriptive phrasing, not the recognized equivalent title for the Magsaysay Award.
- Asia's Leadership Prize (Option D): A general term used for various organizational leadership awards across Asia, not synonymous with the Magsaysay honor.

Q4. Match List-I with List-II regarding the recipients of the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2026:

List-I

(Awardee)

1. Tommy Koh
2. Runa Khan
3. Bo Kyi

List-II

(Country)

- A. Myanmar
- B. Singapore
- C. Bangladesh

Select the correct answer using the code given below:

- (a) 1-B, 2-C, 3-A
- (b) 1-C, 2-B, 3-A
- (c) 1-A, 2-C, 3-B
- (d) 1-B, 2-A, 3-C

Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct answer is (A) 1-B, 2-C, 3-A

Explanation:

- Tommy Koh (1) is a renowned veteran diplomat, professor, and international lawyer from Singapore (B), recognized for his lifelong contribution to diplomacy, international law, and cultural governance.
- Runa Khan (2) is a social entrepreneur and founder of the NGO Friendship from Bangladesh (C), awarded for her pioneering humanitarian work in remote riverine island communities.
- Bo Kyi (3) is a former political prisoner and human rights activist from Myanmar (A), co-founder of the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP), recognized for defending human rights.

• Matching key: 1 matches with B (Singapore), 2 matches with C (Bangladesh), and 3 matches with A (Myanmar), yielding the correct combination 1-B, 2-C, 3-A.

• The Ramon Magsaysay Award 2026 honored these visionary leaders for their transformative spirit and dedication to public welfare across Asia.

Information Booster:

• Professor Tommy Koh served as President of the Third UN Conference on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) and Chairman of the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

• Runa Khan's NGO Friendship operates floating hospital ships and rural education hubs serving climate-vulnerable communities in Bangladesh.

• Bo Kyi has spent decades documenting human rights violations and supporting the rehabilitation of political prisoners in Myanmar.

• The Ramon Magsaysay Award was established in 1957 to honor individuals and organizations demonstrating extraordinary community service across Asia.

• Recipients are presented with a certificate, a medallion, and a monetary prize during the formal ceremony in Manila.

Additional Knowledge:

• Option B (1-C, 2-B, 3-A): Incorrectly assigns Tommy Koh to Bangladesh and Runa Khan to Singapore.

• Option C (1-A, 2-C, 3-B): Incorrectly assigns Tommy Koh to Myanmar and Bo Kyi to Singapore.

• Option D (1-B, 2-A, 3-C): Incorrectly swaps the nationalities of Runa Khan and Bo Kyi.

Q5. Who among the following was honoured with the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2026?

(a) Tommy Koh

(b) Runa Khan

(c) Bo Kyi

(d) All of the above

Ans.(d)

Sol. The correct answer is (D) All of the above

Explanation:

• The Ramon Magsaysay Award 2026 recognized prominent leaders across Asia for their inspirational leadership and public service.

• Tommy Koh from Singapore was recognized for his outstanding contributions to international diplomacy, law, and environmental conservation.

• Runa Khan from Bangladesh was awarded for her pioneering work with floating healthcare services and community empowerment through her organization Friendship.

• Bo Kyi from Myanmar was honored for his relentless human rights advocacy and support for political prisoners.

• Since all three distinguished individuals were selected as laureates for the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2026, "All of the above" is the correct answer.

Information Booster:

• The Ramon Magsaysay Award is regarded as Asia's highest honor and equivalent to the Nobel Prize.

• The award was instituted in 1957 to preserve the memory and legacy of Ramon Magsaysay, the 7th President of the Philippines.

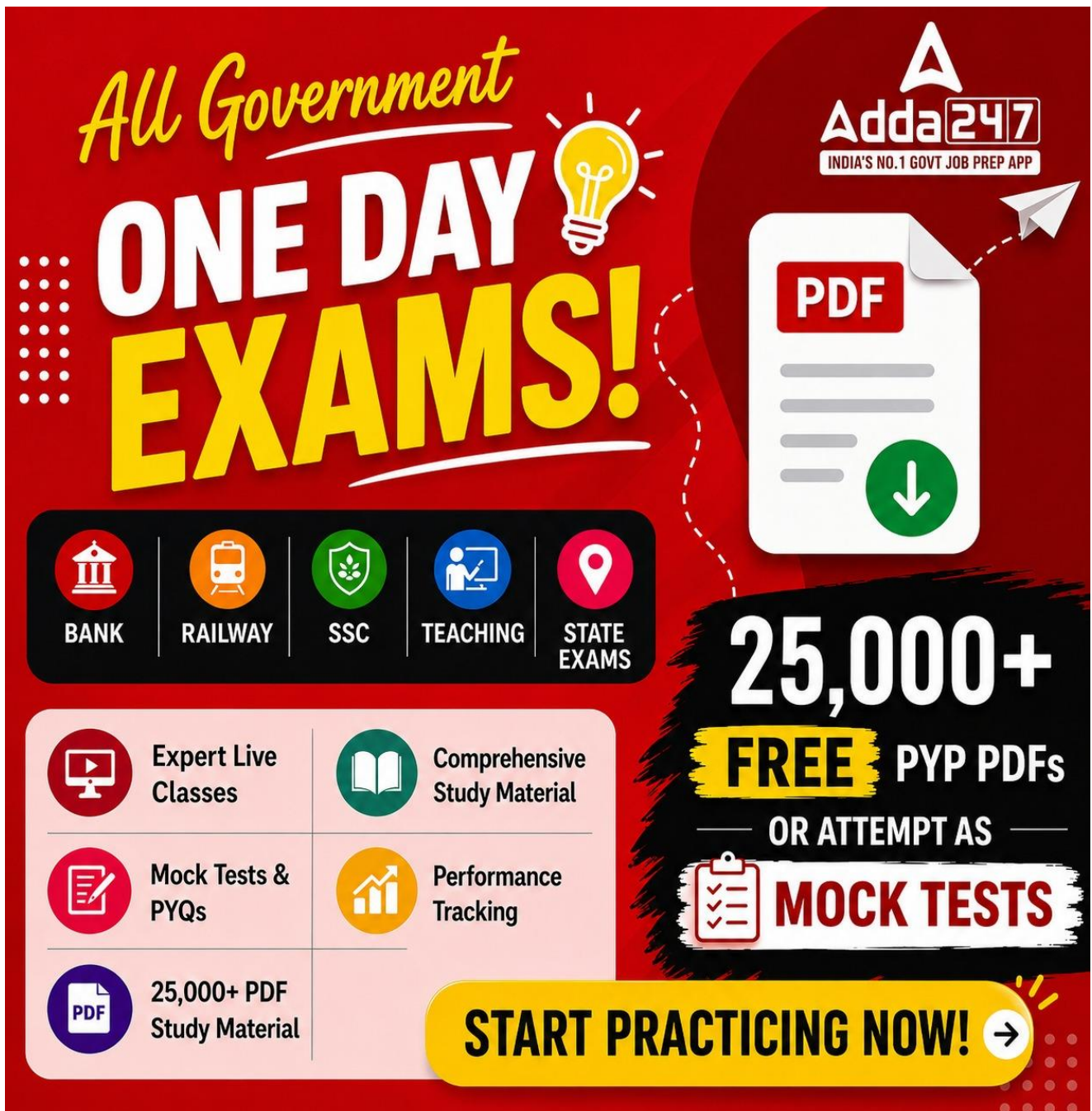
• Laureates are evaluated on their selfless service, integrity, character, and impact on Asian societies.

• The presentation ceremony takes place annually on August 31 in Manila, Philippines.

• Indian citizens have historically received numerous Magsaysay awards across sectors including journalism, social service, literature, and governance.

Additional Knowledge:

- Tommy Koh (Option A): Former Ambassador-at-Large for Singapore and international legal scholar who played a key role in drafting UNCLOS.
- Runa Khan (Option B): Founder of the Bangladeshi social movement Friendship, delivering emergency response and sustainable health systems in char areas.
- Bo Kyi (Option C): Human rights champion from Myanmar who endured years of imprisonment before co-founding the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners.



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