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Q14

With reference to 'Water Credit', consider the following statements: 1. It puts microfinance tools to work in the water and sanitation sector. 2. It is a global initiative launched under the aegis of the World Health Organization and the World Bank. 3. It aims to enable the poor (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

1 and 2 only. [Water.org](https://water.org)'s WaterCredit is not a WHO-World Bank launch.

(b)

2 and 3 only. Statement 2 fails.

(c) Official key

1 and 3 only. Microfinance for water and sanitation, aimed at the poor meeting water needs without living on subsidy. Not a WHO/WB initiative.

(d)

All three. Wrong parentage in 2.

Summary

Official key is (c) 1 and 3 only. WaterCredit uses microfinance so poor households can pay for water and toilets. It is a [Water.org](https://water.org) initiative, not WHO and the World Bank.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Water.org

Gary White and Matt Damon; WaterCredit.

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Water, sanitation, hygiene - the sector.