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Consider the following statements : 1. The Self-Help Group (SHG) programme was originally initiated by the State Bank of India by providing microcredit to the financially deprived. 2. In an SHG, all members of a group take responsibility for a loan that an individual member takes. 3. The Regional Rural Banks and Scheduled Commercial banks support SHGs. How many of the above statements are correct? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

Only one. **Joint liability** and bank support both hold; SBI-as-originator does not.

(b) Official key

Only two. SHGs share responsibility for a member's loan; RRBs and commercial banks finance them. The programme was not originally an SBI invention - NABARD / MYRADA lead that history.

(c)

All three. Statement 1 is the miss.

(d)

None. Two statements stand.

Summary

Official key is (b) only two. An SHG is a joint-liability group; RRBs and scheduled commercial banks lend to SHGs (often via NABARD refinance). The SHG-bank linkage was not originally initiated by SBI as the scheme's author.

Related possible facts

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SHG-Bank Linkage

NABARD, from the 1990s; MYRADA as an early NGO model.

Joint liability

Group guarantee for an individual member's loan.

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