

d) 2 and 3 only

96. Consider the following statements with reference to the 'Research and Development Statistics of India':

1. The Gross expenditure on research and development (GERD) in India has consistently increased over the last decade.
2. The government spending constitutes nearly 60% of the total gross expenditure on the research and development in India.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

97. Consider the following statements with reference to the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme:

1. It has been launched by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
2. It is a credit-linked subsidy programme aimed at generating self-employment opportunities.
3. It is implemented by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), State Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) and District Industries Centres (DIC).

Which of the statements given above are correct?

- a) 1 and 3 only
- b) 1 and 2 only
- c) 2 and 3 only
- d) None of the above

98. Consider the following statements with reference to melt ponds formed in the arctic region:

1. These are slightly darker than the surrounding regions and are perennial in nature.
2. They reduce surface reflectance and absorb significantly more solar radiation than the frozen ground.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only
- (b) 2 only
- (c) Both 1 and 2
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2

99. Consider the following statements:

1. Euro Zone crisis was a fiscal crisis due to reckless fiscal spending in the past decade.
2. The 2011 US Crisis was a sovereign debt crisis due to an increase in external borrowing.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- a) 1 only
- b) 2 only
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) Neither 1 nor 2

100. Consider the following statements with reference to Dragonflies:

1. They live on every continent of the world.
2. In the larval stage, they are aquatic.
3. The first National Dragonfly festival is being celebrated in India, in the year 2020.

Which of the statements given above is/are **not** correct?

- a. 1 only
- b. 2 only
- c. 2 and 3 only
- d. 1 and 3 only