

NAT II Physical Science Verbal

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Q: What should be an appropriate step to make the PDS effective?

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Q: What, according to the passage, is the main concern about the PDS?

- A. It has been able to develop confidence in the people at large.
- B. It has not been able to utilize the entire food grains stock available.
- C. It has effectively channelized the food grains to all sectors.
- D. It has not been able to provide sufficient food to the poorer section of the society.

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- A. Vigor
- B. Energy
- C. Influence
- D. Capacity

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- A. Rich
- B. Sumptuous
- C. Sufficient
- D. Quality

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Q: Which of the following is true of public distribution system?

A. It has improved its effectiveness over the years.

B. It has remained effective only in the cities.

C. It is unique in the world because of its effectiveness.

D. It has reached the remotest corner of the country.

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Q: What, according to the passage, is the main purpose of public policy in the long run?

A. Reducing the cost of living index

by increasing supplies

B. Providing enough food to all the citizens

C. Good standard of living through productive employment

D. Equalizing per capita income across different strata of society

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- A. Mismanagement of food stocks
- B. Absence of proper public distribution system
- C. Production of food is less than the demand
- D. Government's apathy towards the poor

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Q: Which of the following is the main reason for insufficient supply of enough food to the poorest?

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- A. Resignation
- B. Cautious
- C. Relief
- D. Concert

Q: What is the tone of the author in the last sentence of the passage?

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- A. Introspective
- B. Accusative
- C. Arrogant
- D. Optimistic

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