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Q7

Which one of the following is a purpose of 'UDAY', a scheme of the Government? (a) Providing technical and financial assistance to start-up entrepreneurs in the field of renewable sources of energy (b) Providing electricity to every household in the country by 2018 (c) Replacing the coal-based power plants with natural gas, nuclear, solar, wind and tidal power plants over a period of time (d) Providing for financial turnaround and revival of power distribution companies Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

Technical and financial help to renewable start-ups. That is closer to other innovation or MNRE start-up windows, not UDAY. This letter is not the key.

(b)

Electricity to every household by 2018. Household electrification was Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti / **Saubhagya** territory, not UDAY's core. This letter is not the key.

(c)

Replacing coal plants with gas, nuclear and renewables over time. UDAY is not a generation-mix swap programme. This letter is not the key.

(d) Official key

Financial turnaround of **DISCOMs**. **Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana (2015)** lets states take over a large share of distribution-company debt, rework tariffs and cut **AT&C losses** so utilities can buy power and invest. That stored letter is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d) financial turnaround and revival of power distribution companies. UDAY is a state-**DISCOM** debt and efficiency compact, not a start-up, last-mile household or coal-replacement scheme. Honour the stored letter (d).

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UDAY expansion

Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana, November 2015

Debt take-over idea

States take over a specified share of DISCOM debt as grants/loans

AT&C losses

Aggregate technical and commercial loss target under MoUs

Saubhagya

Household electrification scheme (2017), distinct from UDAY

DISCOM

Power distribution company

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