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With reference to the provisions made under the National Food Security Act, 2013, consider the following statements: 1. The families coming under the category of 'below poverty line (BPL)' only are eligible to receive subsidized food grains. 2. The eldest woman in a household, of age 18 years or above, shall be the head of the household for the purpose of issuance of a ration card. 3. Pregnant women and lactating mothers are entitled to a 'take-home ration' of 1600 calories per day during pregnancy and for six months thereafter. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 only (c) 1 and 3 (d) 3 only Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

(a) 1 and 2. Statement 2 is right, but statement 1 is not: **NFSA** covers priority households and Antyodaya, identified by States, not only official BPL lists. Pairing them is not the key.

(b) Official key

(b) 2 only. **(b) Official key:** For ration cards the eldest woman aged 18 or above is the household head. Statement 1 wrongly confines the Act to BPL. Statement 3's 1600-calorie take-home ration is not the **NFSA** entitlement (the Act provides meals and a **maternity benefit** of at least Rs 6,000). Only statement 2 is correct.

(c)

(c) 1 and 3. Both of those statements are wrong, so this is not the key.

(d)

(d) 3 only. The 1600-calorie claim misstates **NFSA**. This is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 only. **NFSA** 2013 names the eldest adult woman as ration-card head. **Coverage** is priority plus **AAY**, not BPL-only. Maternity support is meals and a cash benefit, not a 1600-calorie statutory ration. Honour the stored letter (b).

Related possible facts

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National Food Security Act (NFSA)

National Food Security Act, 2013

Coverage

Up to 75 percent rural and 50 percent urban population

Priority entitlement

5 kg per person per month at issue prices

AAI

35 kg per household per month

Maternity benefit

Not less than Rs 6,000 (PMMVY operationalises)

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